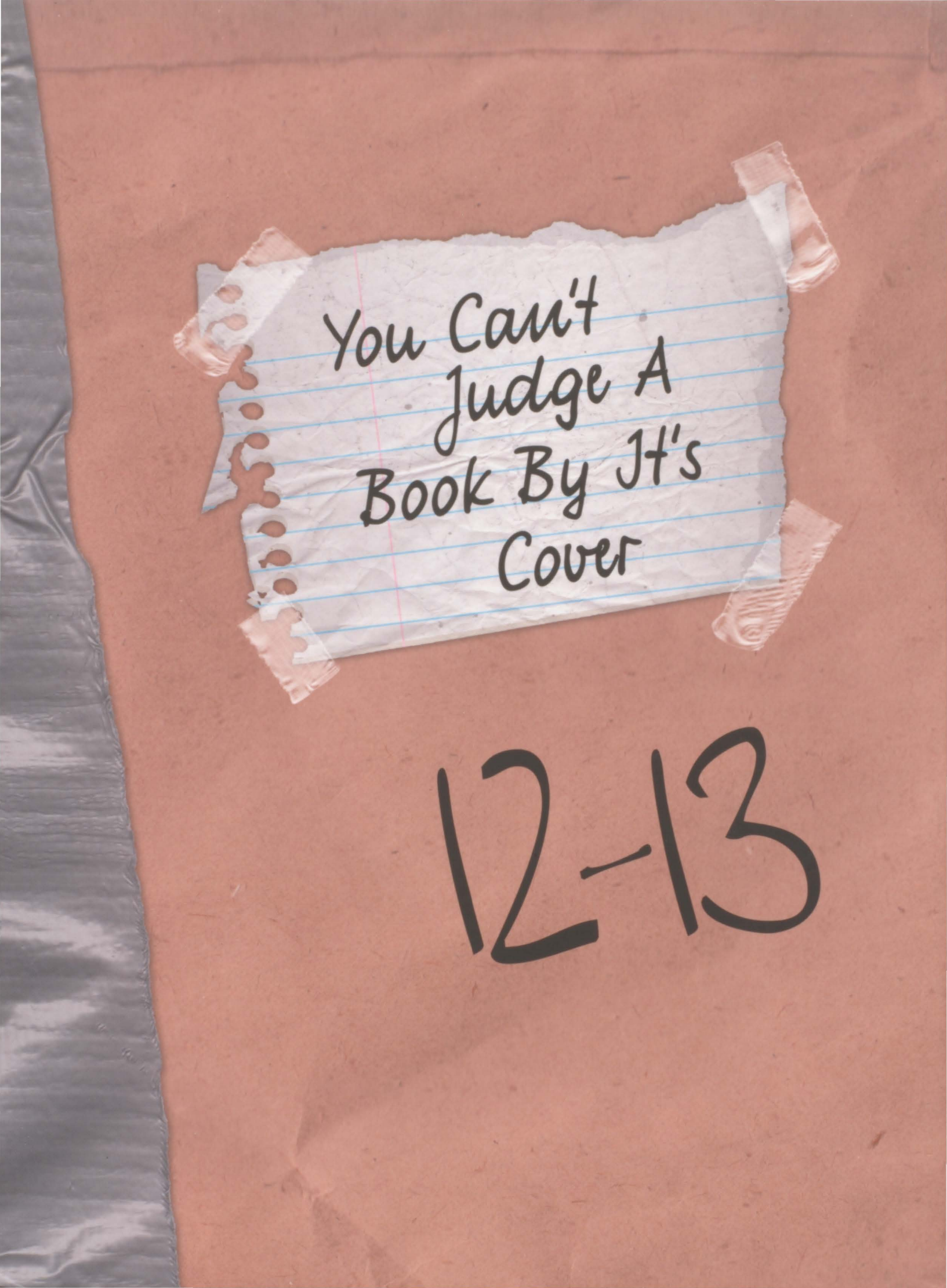

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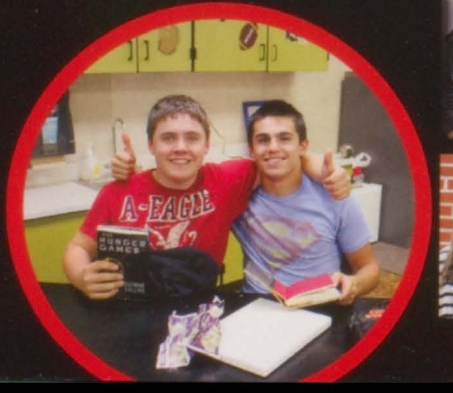


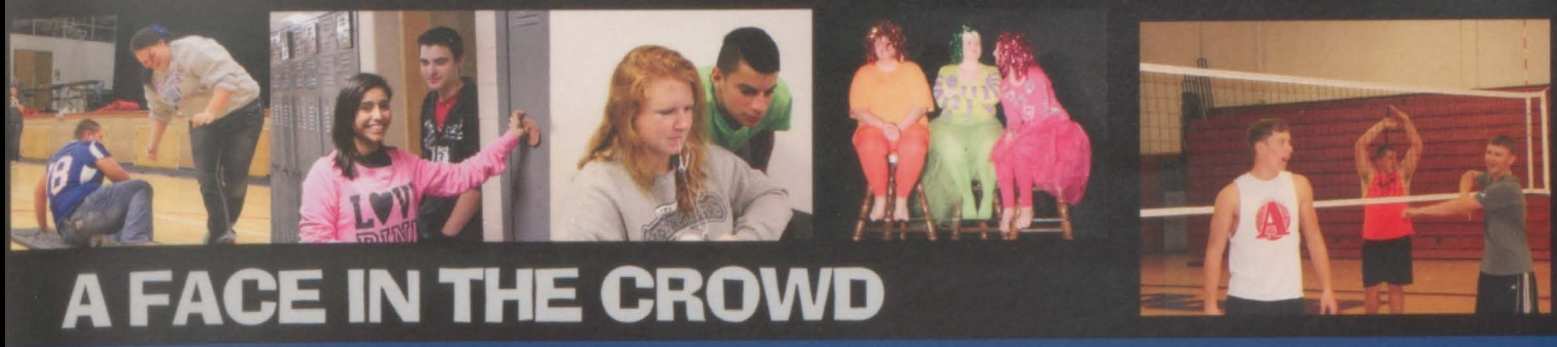
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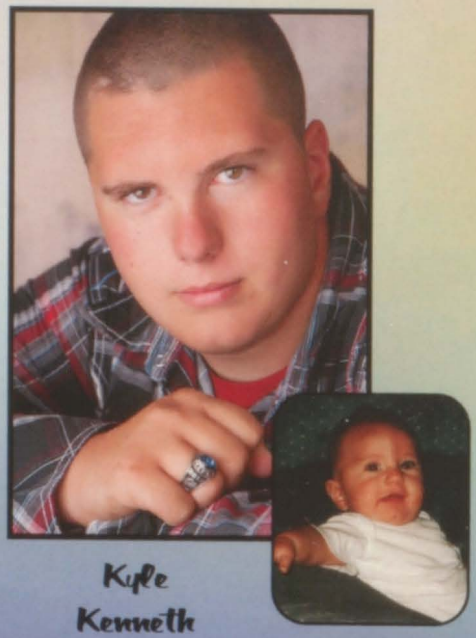


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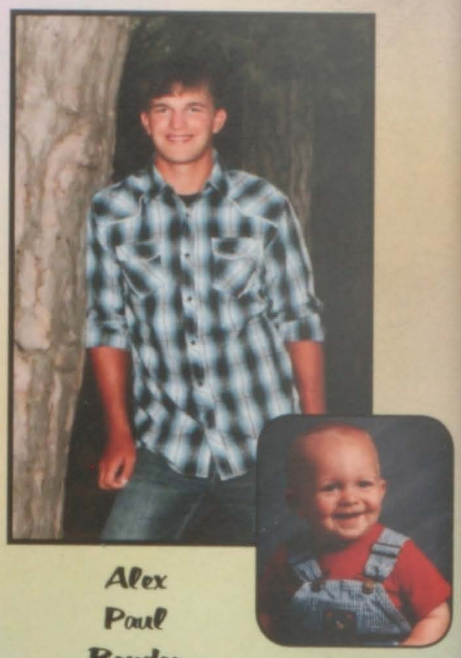
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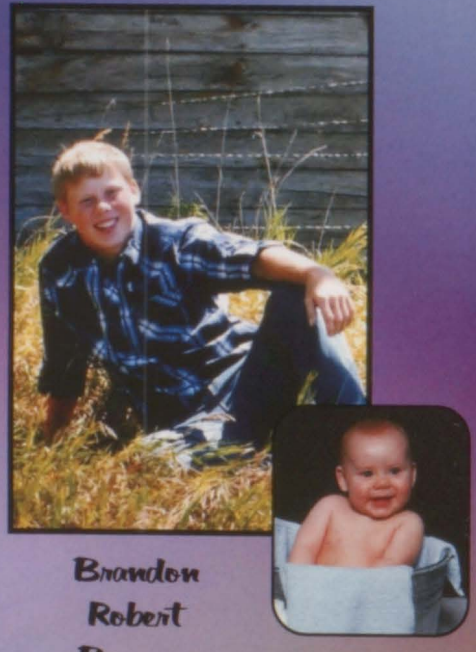
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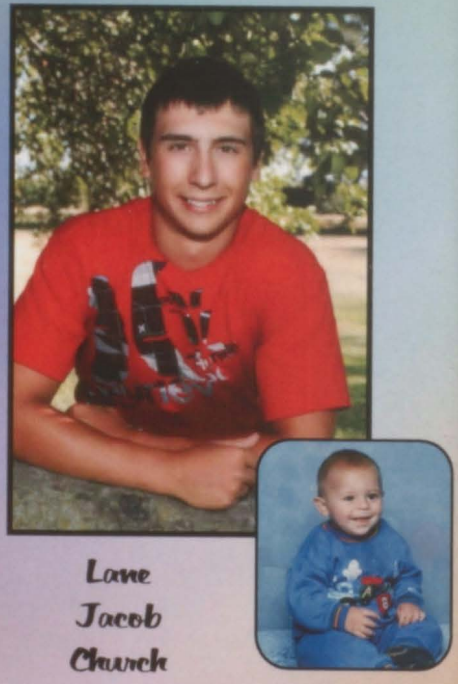
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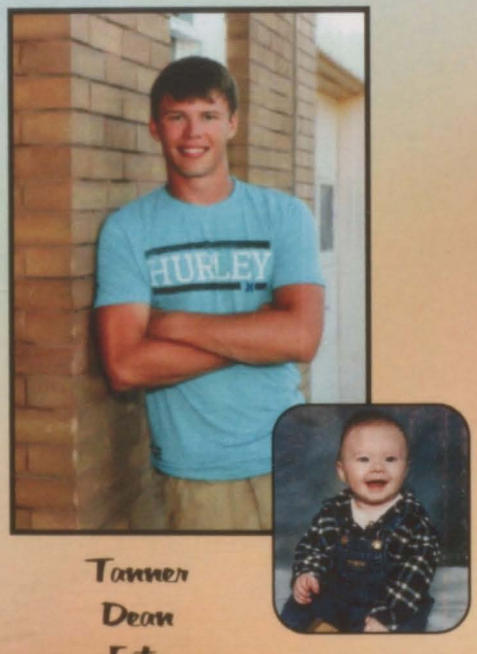
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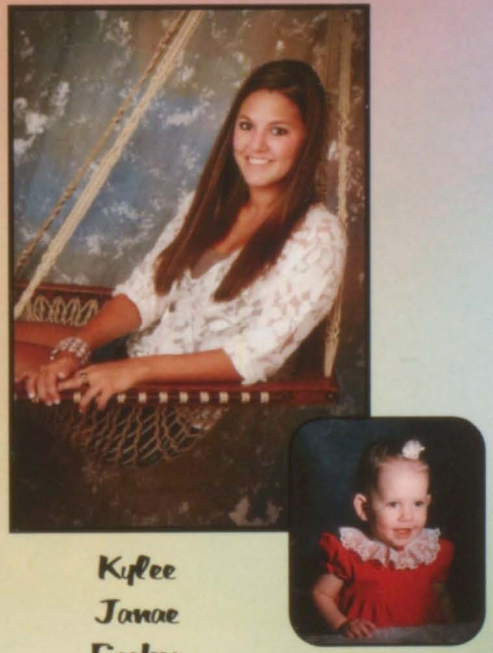
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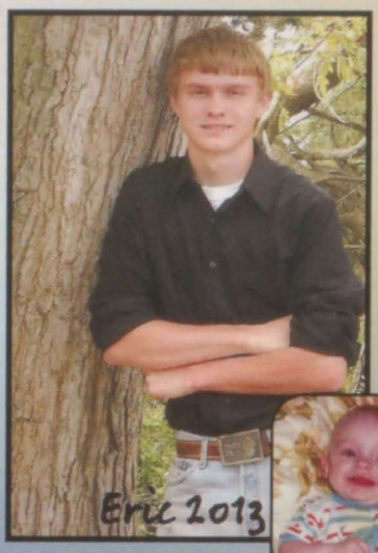
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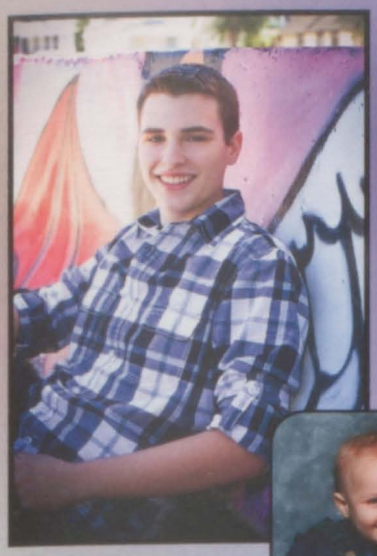
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Left: **Kelley Robinson** takes another long walk between buildings.
Right: **Shelbi Dittmer** takes a nap before her next class.
Far right: **Megan Fitzgerald** pulls **Alex Bender** in the sleeping bag race during the pep rally.

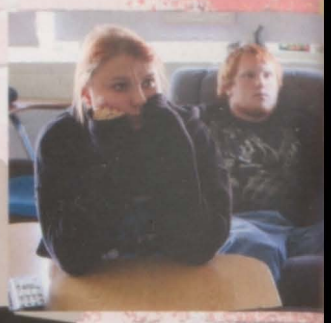


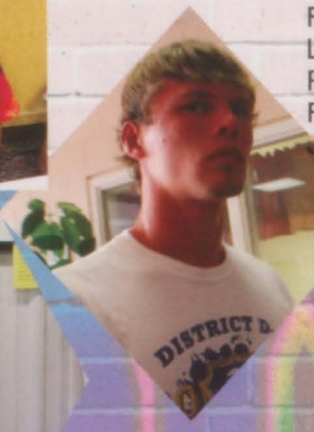


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Far left: **Laura Chavez** smiles pretty.
Left: **Tanner Fate** trying not to smile.
Right: **Dalton McWain** working on his laptop.
Far right: **Sinthia Norris** and **Jayden Ragen** watching a movie.











Left: **Morgan Van Housen** studying hard.
Right: **Megan Fitzgerald** and **Emily Kuhn** acting normal as always.



Above: **Kyle Beck** working hard in weights.
Below: **Erik Ostberg** "are you skipping class?



Right: **Lane Church** and **Brandon Burruss** race during the pep rally.





Above: **Brandon Burruss** flashing a big smile.
Below: **Zach Dietz** and **Austyn Beck** work hard in weights.



Left: **Kelley Robinson** ready to cheer for a football game.











Mitchell Fagen celebrates his team getting a point in PE.

Above: **Kylee Fischer** studying and relaxing on the couch in the English room.
Below: **Eric Goertzen** taking a break from weights class.

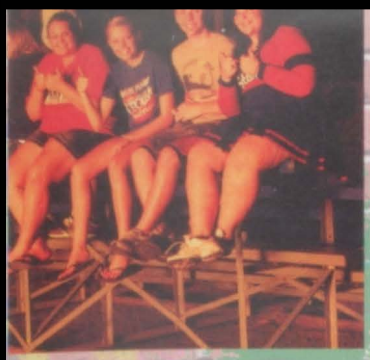


Alex Bender and **Tanner Fate** whip **Megan Fitzgerald** and **Katie Van Housen** around the obstacle course during the pep rally.

Lane Church jumping up a storm.

Right: Class officers. **Morgan Van Housen**-Secretary, **Katie Van Housen**-Treasurer, **Emily Kuhn**-Vice President, **Jacob Reyner**-President. Not pictured: Kelley Robinson-St. Council Rep.





Left: **Shelbi Dittmer**, **Megan Fitzgerald**, **Jacob Reyner**, and **Kelley Robinson** enjoy the fire at the homecoming bonfire.
Right: **Elizabeth Hayes** enjoys a movie on the English room couch.



Below: **Shelbi Dittmer** celebrating Homecoming week.

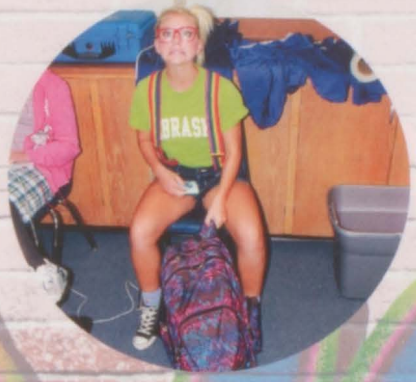


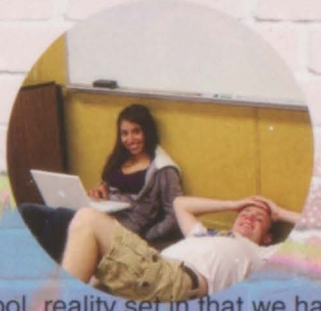


Above: **Ethan Fleming** concentrating on homework.
Below: **Laura Chavez** and **Jacob Reyner** relax during study hall.



Left: **Katie Van Housen**, **Shelbi Dittmer**, and **Kylee Fischer** decorate the lobby for homecoming.
Right: **Emily Kuhn** embraces nerd day.
Below: **Kyle Beck** being Kyle Beck.









As we started our final year of high school, reality set in that we have many big decsions ahead of us and many dreams to achieve. We can't count the numerous times we've heard, "This is the last time we're ever going to do this." But looking back it's been a great four years. Highlights from the year: we won the Spirit Award for Homecoming Week, get to be first in the lunch line, have the say in many decisions around the school, and get out of school first in May.

Lane Church helps decorate the lobby for Homecoming.







Above: **Shelbi Dittmer** excited to be at school.

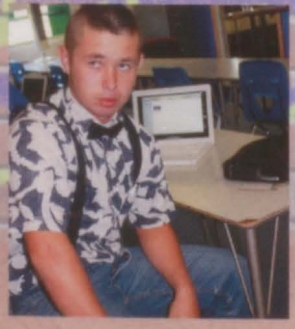


Brandon Burruss in weights.

Above: **Brandon Burruss**, **Alex Bender**, **Lane Church**, and **Mitchell Fagan** work on their abs of steal in weights class.



Above left: **Katie Van Housen** and **Kylee Fischer** smile pretty.



Right: **Morgan Van Housen** daydreaming.

Ethan Fleming being nerdy.

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CLASS OF 2014



Junior year is a busy one, with fund raising and planning for prom. This year's juniors handled it by selling magazines and Casey pizza cards, and working concessions. They started planning for Prom in January picking a theme and then planning the other decorations. The four girls in the class had a big job of convincing the boys what should be done for this formal affair. As the year moves forward they begin to focus on decisions to be made for their senior year.



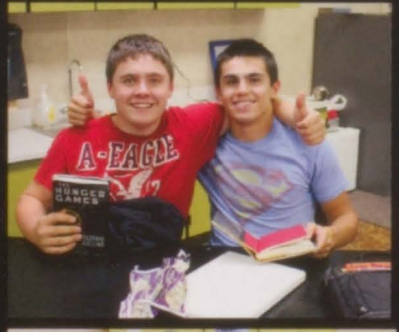
Class Officers: **Dylan Shenk** Treasurer, **Jami Ostberg** Student Council Representive, **Logan Fleming** President, and **Logan Engel** Secretary.



Jeff Gravlin and **AJ Edwards** working hard in math class.



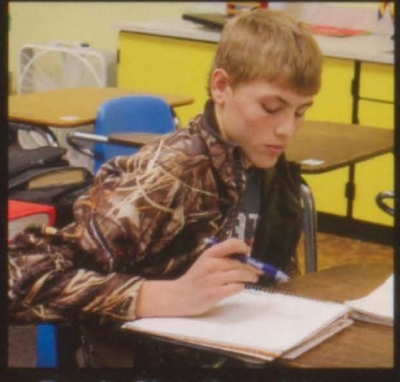
Dylan Shenk and **Wyatt Fleming** in Economics.



Cody Morris and **Logan Fleming** take a break from A.R. reading to pose for the camera.



Kendyl Beck and **Jami Ostberg** at a football game.



Randy Church studying hard in Spanish.



Tyler Martin and **AJ Edwards** trying hard to understand a math problem.

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Cole Church lifting weights.



Jami Ostberg on her laptop.



Dylan Shenk out in the hallway.



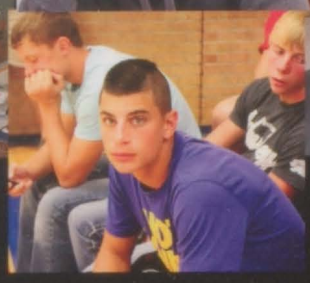
Kendyl Beck showing her nerd pride.

Logan Engel strikes a poise for the camera.





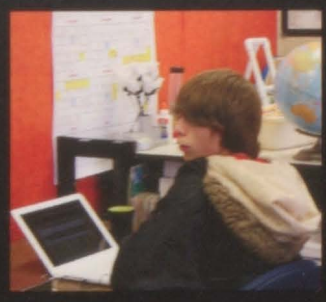
Reva Graves working a bake sale.



Tyler Martin watching a game.



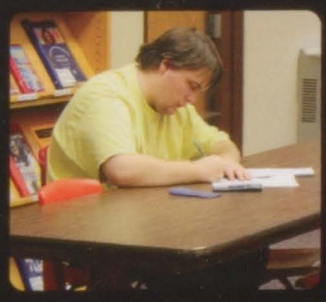
Aaron Sundberg paying attention in class?



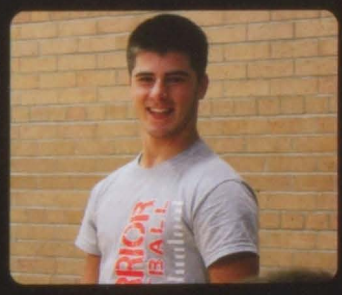
Mikey Wilson takes a break from working on is laptop.



Ben Kowalski hides from the camera.



Paul Ward studying in the library.



Cale Bolton smiles big for the camera.

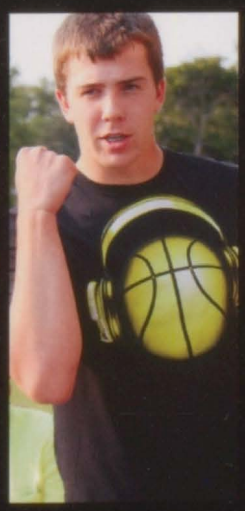
From left: **Sydney Goertzen** working on her laptop.

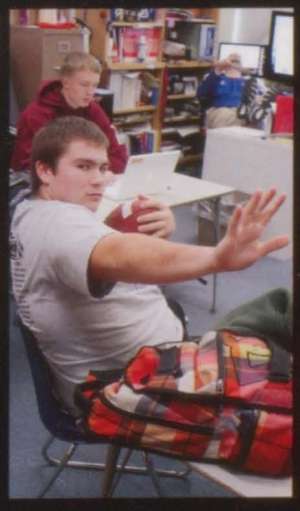
Ben Nunnenkamp ready for practice after school.

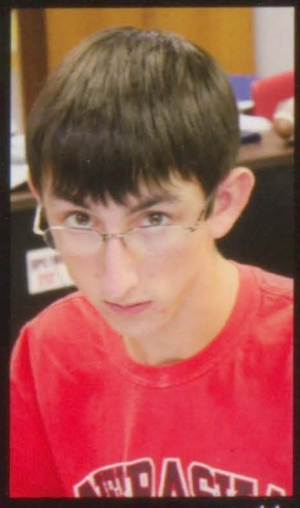
Wyatt Fleming showing his Heisman pose.

Tyler Hoffman trying to work on his homework.









Sophomores



Mariana Chavez enjoying a snack during studyhall.





Trey Engel putting on his best smile.

Sophomore year of high school is a transition period. No longer the underdogs, but not quite able to call themselves an upperclassman. At the end of this year they will be able to say that they are halfway done with their high school career. Mr. Vrbka, the sophomore class sponsor, kept them busy, selling pizza, and working concessions, building up money for their class fund.



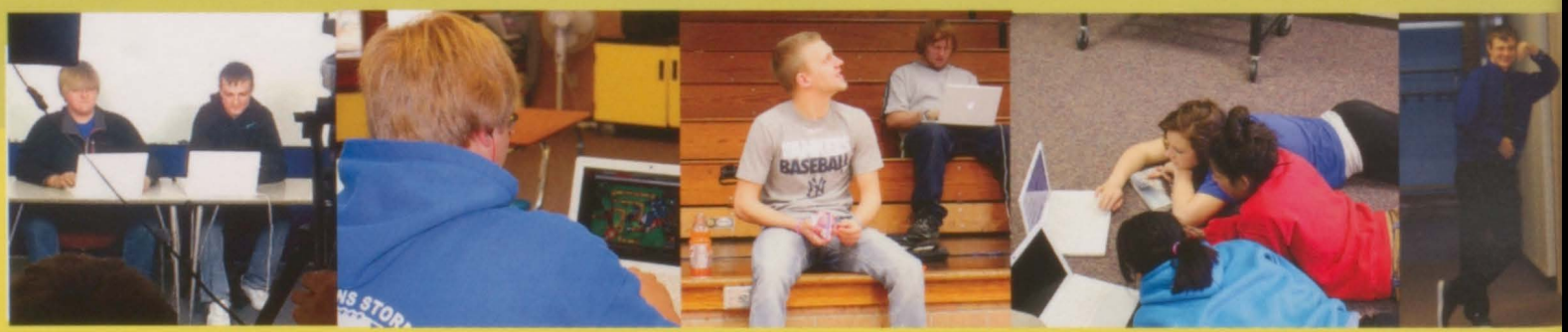
Heather Klassen utilizes technology to complete her homework.



Andrew Adelson taking a break from school to listen to some music.

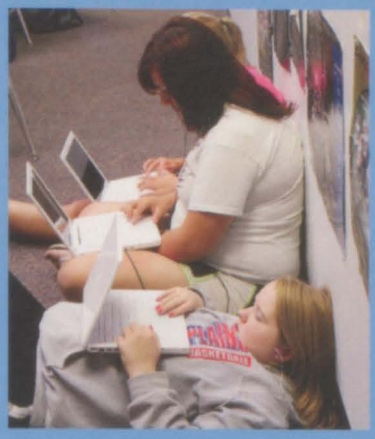


Pheobe Edson, Autumn Wood, and Katelyn Hoffman chilling at the lunch table.





Sharanna Pierce hard at work.



Sophomore girls being studious on their computers.



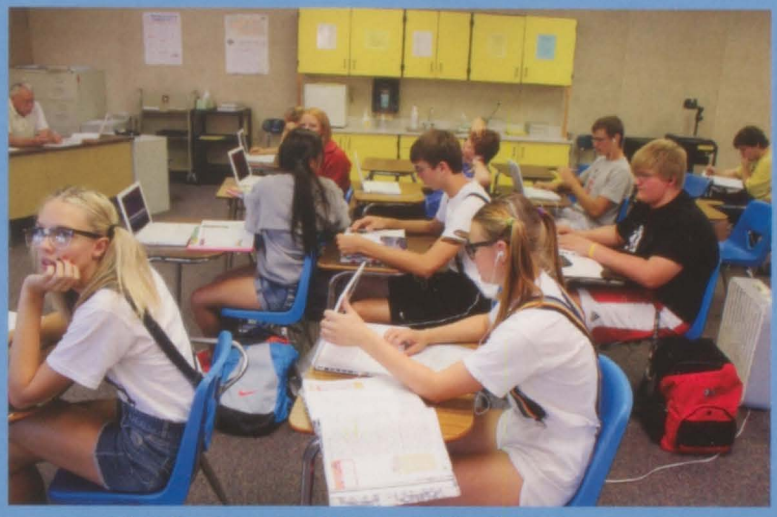
Cole Klingsporn posing for the camera.



Sophomore Class Officers:
Jabe Wutrz: Secretary/ Treasurer
Danielle Shenk: President
Rachel Beck: Vice President.
Hannah Person: Student Council Rep.



Cheyenne Doremus getting her AR points.



The Sophomore Class working hard in geometry.



Amber Scherer relaxing.



Allie Hogan and **Rachel Beck** taking time from their computers to smile for the camera.



Lane Stevens walking into the building to start the day.

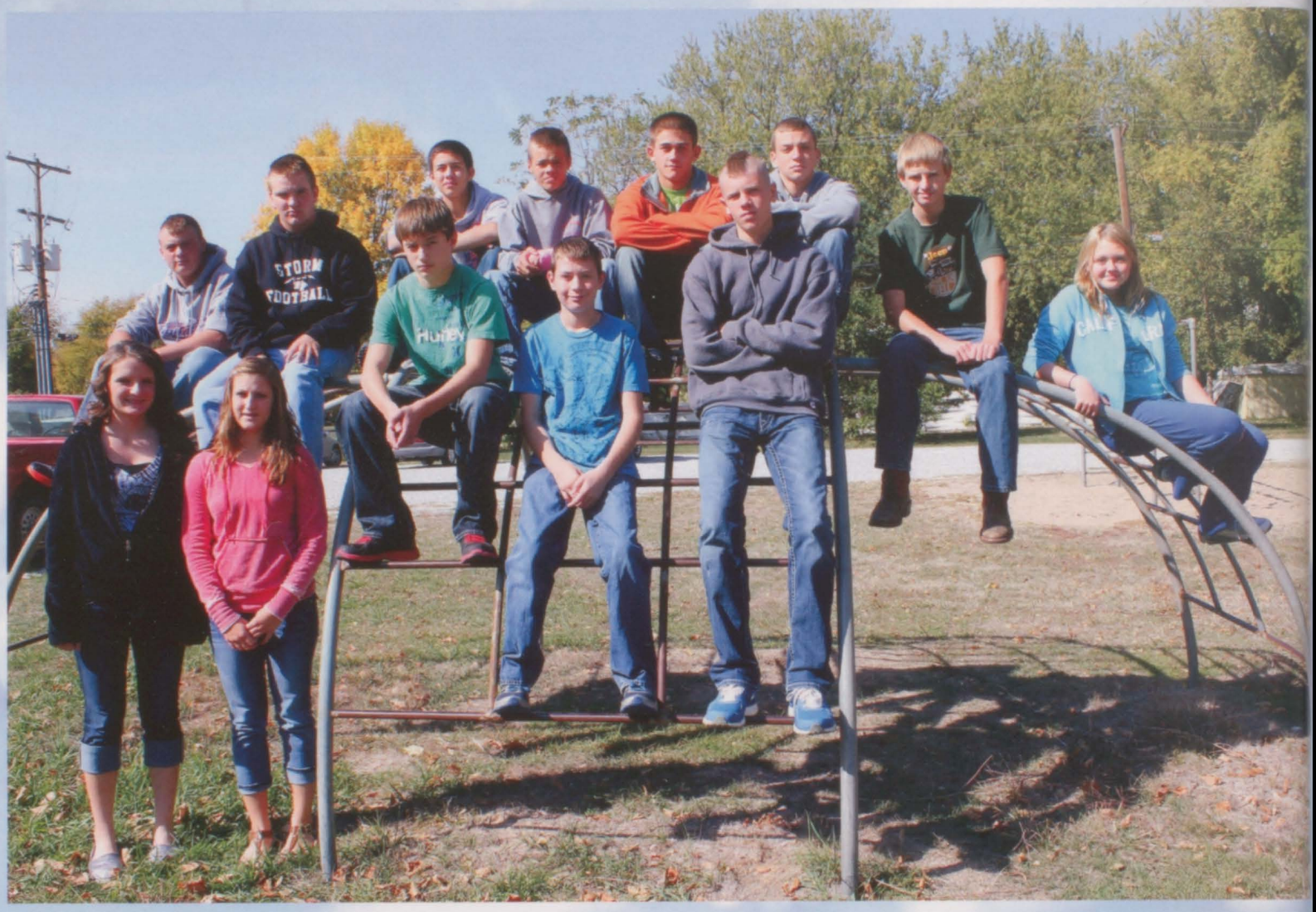








{Freshmen}



Back row: **Gavin Swanson, Matthew Pekarek, Omar Ramirex, Tyson Fate, Garrett Lesiak, Josh DeMers, Morgan Miller, Dawn Spencer.**
Front row: **Chloe Engel, Korinne Wright, Hunter Sharman, Kristopher Kelley, Kyler Van Housen.** Not Pictured: **Austin Smelker.**



Tyson Fate looks surprised as the camera takes him off guard.



Dawn Spencer glances at the camera for a fleeting moment.



Kyler Van Housen takes a breather while playing volleyball in PE



Class Officers: **Hunter Sharman** - St. Council Rep.,
Matthew Pekarek - President,
Josh DeMers - Secretary,
Kyler Van Housen - Vice President.



Korinne Wright is caught off guard while waiting, outside the school, before laptop check-out.



Morgan Miller and **Hunter Sharman** on the first day of school.



Hunter Sharman and **Garrett Lesiak** saunter through the gym as they head to class.



Omar Ramirez shamelessly expresses his enthusiasm for school.

The freshman class, consisting of 14 members, were welcomed for the start of their high school careers in August. Their year began with a class meeting and the election of class officers. Jodie Vrkba was their sponsor. They also started their fundraising projects with cake raffles during games and worked the concessions stand.

Their class quickly became comfortable with the high school setting by becoming involved in numerous activities throughout the school. The one thing they disliked was being at the bottom end of the classes, always last in line and having to sit at the front of the bus.



Kristopher Kelley is hard at work.



Matthew Pekarek reads his AR book in order to achieve his goal for the month.



Josh DeMers takes a break from studying for a quick photo.



Austin Smelker dutifully types away in science class.

Freshman Class Of 2016


Josh DeMers


Chloe Engel


Tyson Fate


Kristopher Kelley


Garrett Lesiak


Morgan Miller


Matthew Pekarek


Omar Ramirez


Hunter Sharman


Austin Smelker


Dawn Spencer


Gavin Swanson


Kyler VanHousen


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Lindy Eberle


Phoebe Edson


Trey Engel


Cale Harless


Katelyn Hoffman


Allie Hogan


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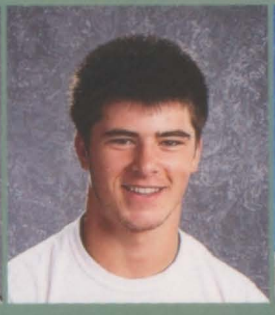


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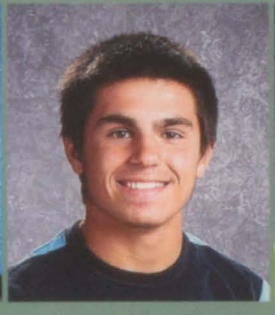
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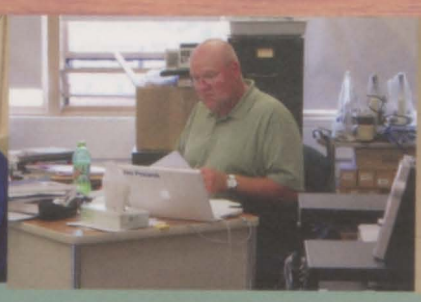


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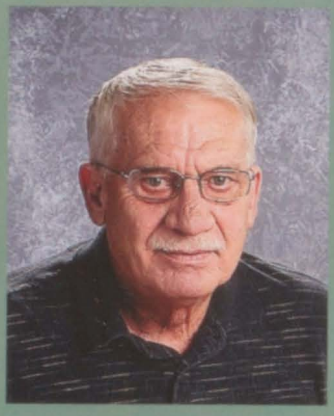

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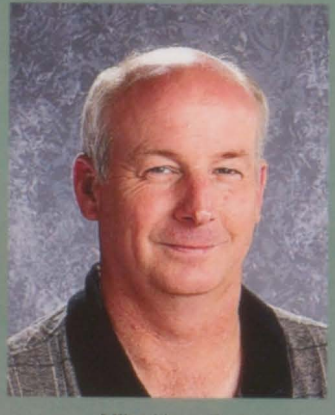
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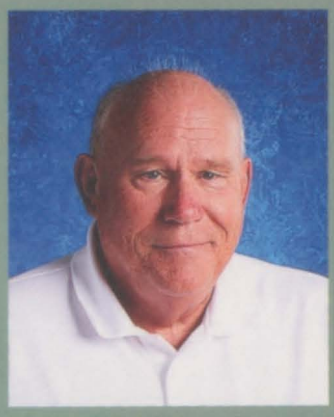
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Industrial Tech/Computer



Larissa Schuele
Instrumental/Vocal Music



Dan Strecker
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Andy Vrbka
Social Studies



Jodie Vrbka
HS Secretary



Sue Wilgocki
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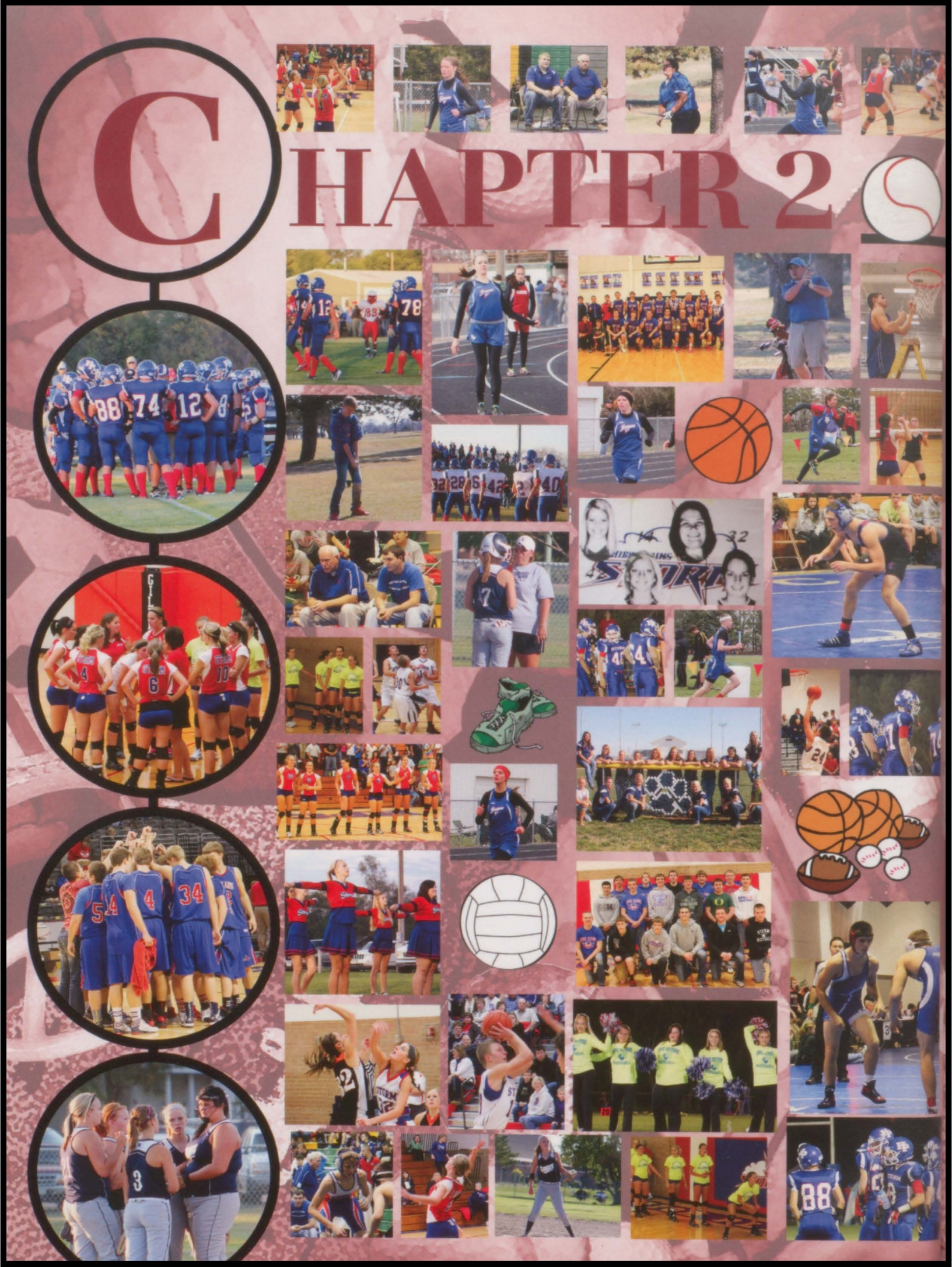
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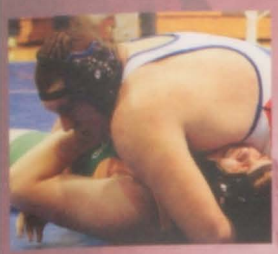


School Board: Back row: Brian Samualson, Greg Fowler, Kurt Kuhn. Front row: Wendy Hudson, Kathy Kilngsporn, Karen Stevens

We thank the teachers, staff and board members for their dedication to HPC. They all put in many hours taking care of the school, helping with activities, and preparing lessons for the students. After four years with the one-to-one program, computers have become a natural textbook for all of us.

We welcomed a new ag teacher, Mr. Hoffman, this year; but said good-bye to Leonard DaMoude in November. He retired after having been a custodian for the district for 19 years. We also said farewell to John Fisher to retirement, Heath Reimers and Larissa Schuele to other endeavors.


CHAPTER 2







One spirit, one team, one win











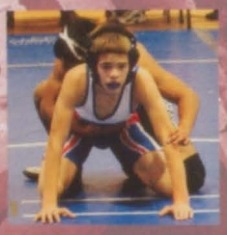























CCHP Softball 2012



Back: **Jenna Veburg, Autumn Wood, Naomi Kerwood, Emily Larson, Kylie Lamoree, Jami Ostberg, Amber Scherer.**
Middle: **McKenna Powell, Destiny Williams, Kendyl Beck, Michaela Rystrom, Brooke Kleinschmidt, Jenny Wright.**
Front: **MaKenna Sempek, Shelbi Dittmer, Sadey Waller, Emily Kuhn.**



Autumn Wood stands ready for the first pitch.



Emily Larson hits toward third base.



Michaela Rystrom waits for the ball.



Jenny Wright prepars to swing away.



Kylie Lamoree races home to score.



Naomi Kerwood lays down a nice bunt.



Sadey Waller throws the runner out.



Jami Ostberg waitis for a fly ball in the outfield.



Kendyl Beck charges to get an out.



Shelbi Dittmer determined to strike the batter out.



MaKenna Sempek catches the pop-up.



Brooke Kleinschmit ready for the pitch.



Amber Scherer defends her position.



Emily Kuhn plays defense in the outfield.



Destiny Williams steals a base.



Shelbi Dittmer



Emily Kuhn

Cross County-High Plains Softball

HPC Seniors

The 2012 softball season for High Plains Community was a little different this year. Due to the low numbers, the team co-oped with Cross County for the season. It was a chance to meet many new girls and combine the talents of both teams. Led by three seniors, Emily Kuhn, Shelbi Dittmer, and Sadey Waller the Cross County/High Plains softball team finished with a record of 14-14 and several memorable moments.



Senior players - **Emily Kuhn**, **Shelbi Dittmer**, **Sadey Waller**.

SOFTBALL SCOREBOARD

HPC/CC 10	Central City 8
HPC/CC 8	Boone Central 4
HPC/CC 15	Schuyler 8
West Point Tourney	
HPC/CC 9	West Point 0
HPC/CC 4	GACC 5
HPC/CC 1	Tekamah - Herman 9
HPC/CC 3	Blue Hill 2
Boone Central Tourney	
HPC/CC 12	Boone Central 2
HPC/CC 6	Pierce 7
HPC/CC 6	Twin River 5
HPC/CC 2	Twin River 6
HPC/CC 7	Friend 10
HPC/CC 11	St. Paul 9
HPC/CC 0	York 6
David City Tourney	
HPC/CC 5	Aquinas 6
HPC/CC 5	Schuyler 4
HPC/CC 3	GACC 9
HPC/CC 1	Centennial 11
HPC/CC 0	Filmore Central 1
HPC/CC 10	David City 6
HPC/CC 12	Madison 0
Adams Central Tournament	
HPC/CC 1	Adam Central 7
HPC/CC 2	Wilbur/Clatonia 4
HPC/CC 9	Lutheran High 3
HPC/CC 9	Aquinas 1
HPC/CC 7	GICC/DT 5
Districts @ Centennial	
HPC/CC 3	Milford 11
HPC/CC 4	Aquinas 5

Final Record 14 - 14



A meeting on the mound.



Coach Rieken talks to **Destiny Williams** about the plan to get **Amber Scherer** home from 3rd base as **Jami Ostberg** listens.

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VOLLEYBALL

High Plains Storm Volleyball Team

The Storm volleyball team kicked off their season playing the Giltner Hornets, a tough start. They continued though the season playing some hard fought matches. Lindy Eberle led the team in scoring with 273 serves, 74 being aces, and ended with 156 points. Morgan Van Housen had 232 serves, 32 aces and 128 points. Morgan also led in attacks with 142 kills. Megan Fitzgerald made 10 ace blocks for the year. The team worked hard and improved throughout the season.



Back row: Kristi Lindburg, Chloe Engel, Rachel Beck, Danielle Shenk, Korinne Wright, Stephanie Carlson.
Middle row: Allie Hogan, Lindy Eberle, Sydney Goertzen, Phoebe Edson, Hannah Person.
Front row: Megan Fitzgerald, Kylee Fischer, Katie Van Housen, Morgan Van Housen.



SENIORS

Morgan Van Housen Katie Van Housen Kylee Fischer Megan Fitzgerald



Left: **Megan Fitzgerald** spikes the ball during the first game against Giltner while her teamates cover for the possible return.

Volleyball Scoreboard

HPC- 0	Giltner-	3
HPC- 3	Fullerton-	1
HPC- 0	Nebraska Christian-	3
HPC- 0	Cedar Valley-	2
HPC- 0	Palmer-	2
HPC- 2	Leigh-Clarkson-	0
HPC- 0	Humphrey-	2
HPC- 0	East Butler-	2
HPC- 0	Osceola-	2
HPC- 0	Sutton-	2
HPC- 0	Cross County-	2
HPC- 0	Lindsay HF-	2
HPC-- 2	St. Edward-	0
HPC- 1	Shelby-RC-	2
HPC- 2	Dorchester-	0
HPC- 3	McCool-	0
HPC- 0	Meridian-	2
HPC- 0	Hampton-	2
HPC- 1	Cedar Bluffs-	3
HPC- 0	Lindsay HF-	2
HPC- 2	Elkhorn Valley-	0
HPC- 0	Nebraska Christian-	2
HPC- 0	Exeter-Milligan-	3
HPC- 0	BDS-	3
HPC- 1	Cross County-	3
HPC- 0	Nebraska Lutheran-	2
HPC- 0	Osceola-	2
HPC- 0	Cross County-	3

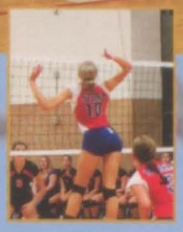
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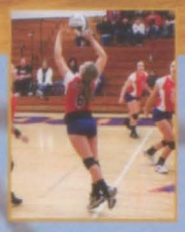


Below: The varsity team warms up for a home match.





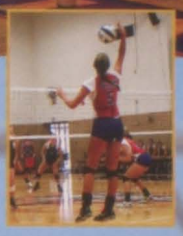
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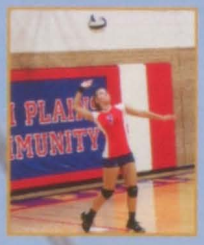
Lindy Eberle



Sydney Goertzen



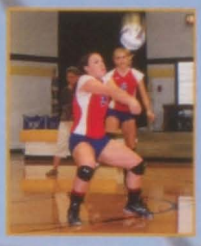
Morgan Van Housen



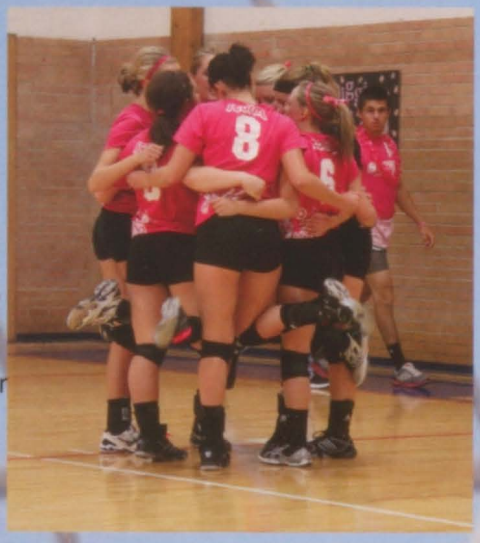
Kylee Fischer



Chloe Engel



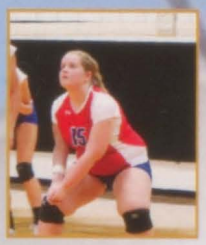
Allie Hogan



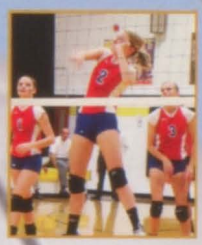
Right: **Megan Fitzgerald, Katie Van Housen, Danielle Shenk, Allie Hogan, Rachel Beck, Lindy Eberle,** and **Morgan Van Housen** group together for a team huddle during the 'Pink Out' game.



Katie Van Housen



Hannah Person



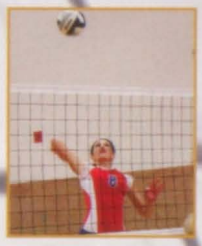
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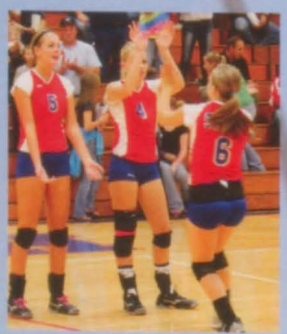
Megan Fitzgerald



Korinne Wright

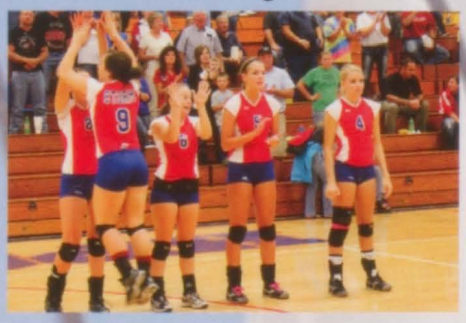


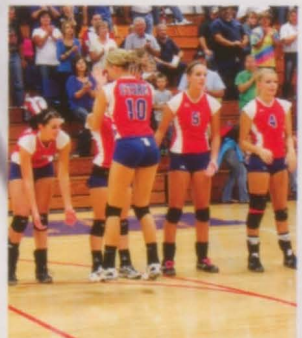
Rachel Beck



Lindy Eberle goes through the starting line-up.

Below: **Allie Hogan** anticipates the start of the game.





Danielle Shenk ready to play.

Below: **Katie Van Housen** pumps up her teammates as she finishes the line-up row.



HIGH PLAINS FOOTBALL



Front row: Lane Church, Tanner Fate, Eric Goertzen, Alex Bender, Ethan Fleming, Wyatt Fleming, Logan Fleming, Cole Klingsporn, Logan Engel. Second row: Trey Engel, Aaron Sundberg, Andrew Adelson, Cale Harless, Jabe Wurtz, Brandon Burruss, Cale Bolton, Dylan Shenk. Third row: Randy Church, Kyler Van Housen, Cole Church, Josh DeMers, Ben Nunnenkamp, Jeff Gravlin, Tyson Fate. Fourth row: Gavin Swanson, Garrett Lesiak, Matthew Pekarek, Mitchell Fagan, Kyle Beck.



Mitchell Fagan **Brandon Burruss** **Kyle Beck** **Alex Bender** **Tanner Fate** **Eric Goertzen** **Lane Church** **Ethan Fleming**

S E N I O R S

C O A C H E S

Head Coach: **Greg Wood**





Assistant Coach: **John Kucera**

Assistant Coach: **Jim Pekarek**





Coach's Aide: **David Kucera**



Left: **Jabe Wurtz**, **Mitchell Fagan**, and **Kyle Beck** watching the action from the sidelines.

Below: **Cole Klingsporn** and **Logan Fleming** dominating the Bloomfield running back.





Left: **Tanner Fate** breaking one for a touchdown.

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Scoreboard

HPC- 57	Palmer	12
HPC- 62	Clarkson/Leigh	6
HPC- 65	Friend	6
HPC- 6	Howells/Dodge	36
HPC- 54	East Butler	8
HPC- 83	Shelby	20
HPC- 69	Cross County	6
HPC- 46	NE Christian	0

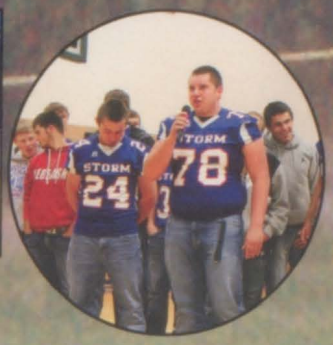
PLAYOFFS

HPC- 76	Bloomfield	28
HPC- 50	Hartington	14
HPC- 24	Exeter-Milligan	58

RECORD 9-2



Trey Engel splitting the defense for a first down.



Kyle Beck and the football team firing up the school's students and teachers before the big game that night.



Ben Nunnenkamp catches a pass and races for the end zone.



Mitchell Fagan and **Alex Bender** bust through the offense line to tackle the running back.



Left: **Cale Bolton** making his read to fill the open gap.

Below: **Logan Fleming, Logan Engel,** and **Ben Nunnenkamp** reacting to the snap.



Left: The Storm defense swarms the running back in the backfield.

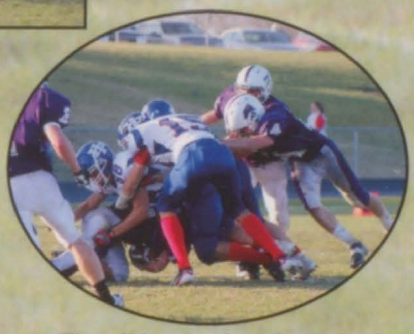


Mitchell Fagan and **Alex Bender** celebrating the sack.





Ready for the kickoff to start the game.



The JV squad gathers in the backfield to sack the quarterback.

The football team was very strong, having lost only four seniors from last year. The boys set more records this year, being the only team in High Plains history to achieve nine wins in one season and making it to the third round of the playoffs by beating Hartington, who was undefeated. The season ended with a loss to Exeter-Milligan, who ended up being the state D-1 runners-up.

We were the District Champions and finished the season with a 9-2 record - the best in High Plains history. Tanner Fate led the Storm offense with 1,333 rushing yards, 26 touchdowns, passed for 1,206 and threw for 19 touchdowns. The defense was lead by Logan Fleming with 39 solos and 75 assisted tackles for a total of 114. Cale Bolton was very close behind with 37 and 74 tackles for a total of 111.

The JV's had an undefeated record being 5-0. They have been undefeated at home for the past two season. Great season, boys!



The football boys breaking it down after a great victory.



Randy Church blowing past his defender and going for the runningback.



Left: **Lane Church** chasing after the fumble forced by **Jabe Wurtz**.

Wrestling



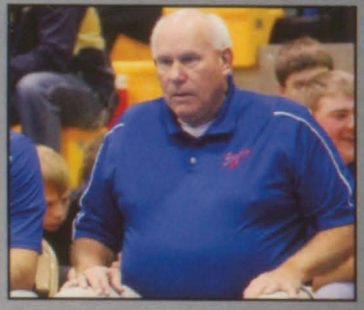
Back row: Matthew Pekarek, Kyle Beck, Randy Church, Lane Church, Cole Church, Tanner Fate, Trey Engel. Front row: Tyson Fate, Cale Bolton, Brandon Burruss, Aaron Sundberg, Hunter Sharman.

SENIORS



Kyle Beck | **Lane Church** | **Tanner Fate** | **Brandon Burruss**

COACHES



Head Coach
Norm Manstedt



Assistant
Corby Grouse



Assistant
Jason Church



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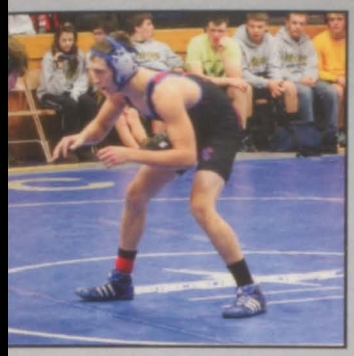
Scoreboard

GICC Quad	2nd Place
NE Duals	No Placing
Platteview Invite	5th Place
HPC Invite	15th Place
Cross County Invite	5th Place
Dual vs. Columbus Scotus	1st Place
Gothenburg Dual Tourney	4th Place
Mullen Invite	3rd Place
Bishop Neumann Invite	2nd Place
CRC Tourney	1st Place
Districts @ Columbus	2nd Place
State Tourney @ Omaha	21st Place
State Dual Championship	8th Place

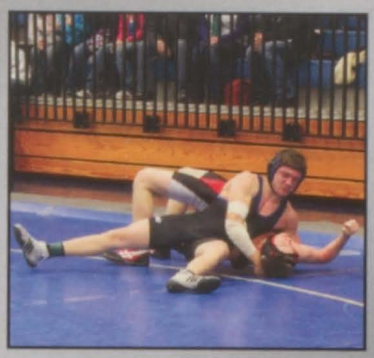
This was a year to remember. HPC was one of 16 teams to participate in the first-ever State Wrestling Dual Tournament that took place the week after the state tournament. It was held in Kearney. The teams that participated were either district champs or a wild card pick from a point system; which is the way HPC made it into the dual format tourney.

Two wrestlers registered their 100th win this year; Brandon Burruss and Cale Bolton. Tanner Fate had hit his mark, of 100 wins, last year.

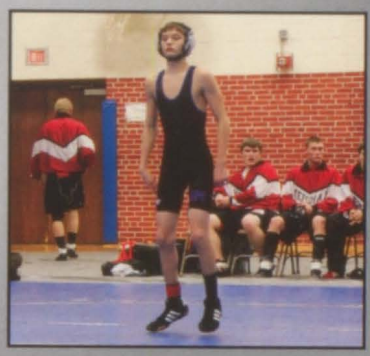
With only three incoming freshmen, and four senior leaders, this year's High Plains Community Wrestling team was a well-balanced one. They practiced together five days a week, with most of the meets on Saturdays. All this time together made the team as close as a family. The boys worked hard all season to earn the respect that they deserved through sheer will power and determination. Head Coach Norm Manstedt, along with assistant coaches Corbey Grause and Jason Church, worked well with the boys and did an outstanding job which lead to six state qualifiers, Brandon Burruss, Cale Bolton, Tanner Fate, Trey Engel, Lane Church and Kyle Beck. Brandon brought home a 6th place medal and Cale brought home a 5th place medal.



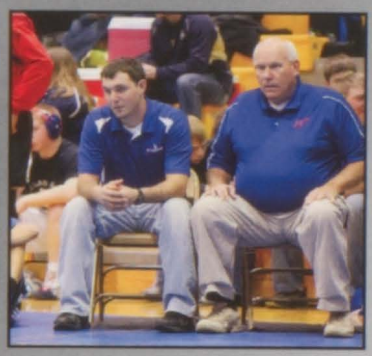
Lane Church is set and ready for the takedown.



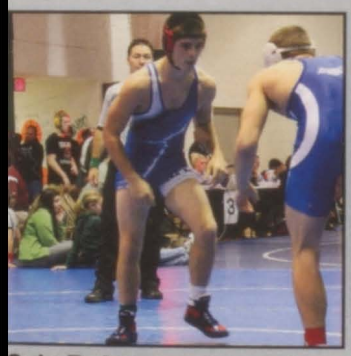
Trey Engel makes it look easy with this pin.



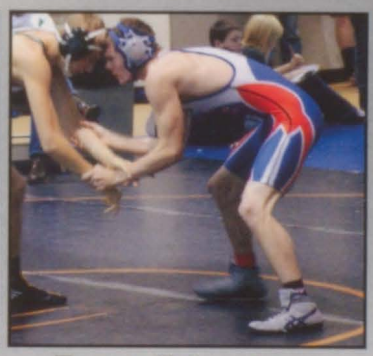
Hunter Sharman gets ready for his match.



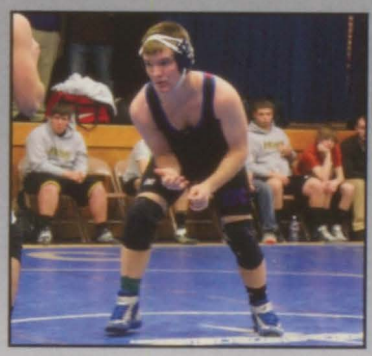
Coaches **Norm Manstedt** and **Corbey Grause** are focused.



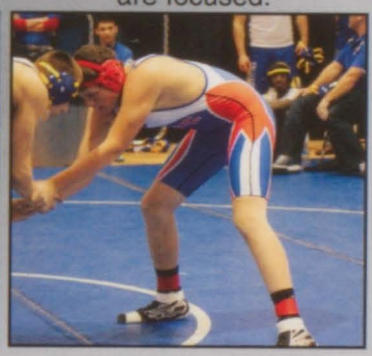
Cale Bolton contemplates his next move.



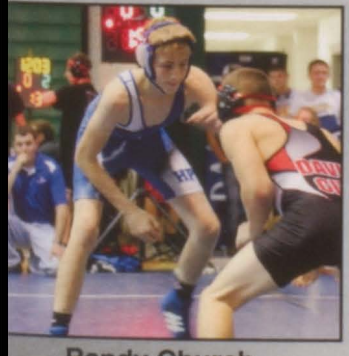
Tanner Fate sets up his shoot.



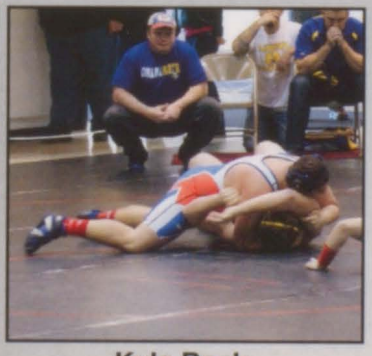
Matthew Pekarek steps onto the mat.



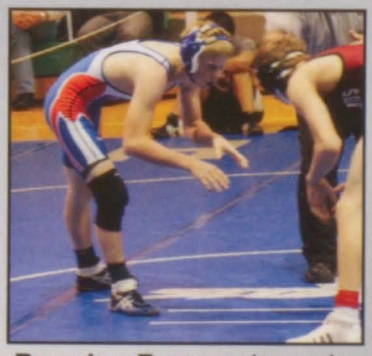
Cole Church sets up his opponent.



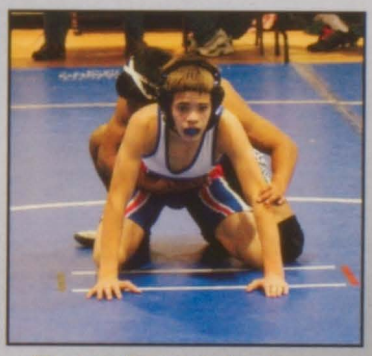
Randy Church ready to shoot.



Kyle Beck pins his opponent.



Brandon Burruss is ready to shoot for the takedown.



Tyson Fate picks down from the toss.





SENIORS



Morgan Van Housen



Shelbi Dittmer



Megan Fitzgerald



Emily Kuhn

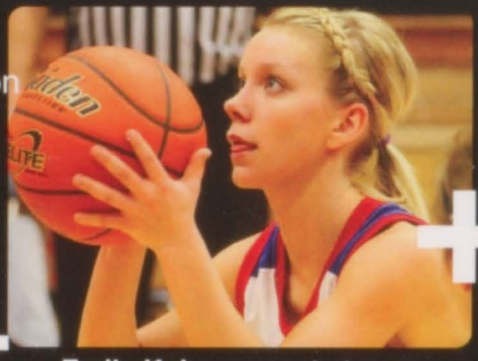
GIRLS BASKETBALL

The girls basketball team was 13 strong; 4 seniors, 1 junior, 7 sophomores, and 1 freshman. They went up against pretty fierce competition playing teams that qualified for state. The team played hard together as Coach Wood always said, "One Team, One Heart", and the girls really showed that this year. They had the desire to compete and always played their best, never giving up. The score doesn't always show the determination that these players put into each game.









Emily Kuhn concentrates on making the free throw.

Morgan Van Housen dribbles around the defense.



Emily Kuhn fights for the ball.



Megan Fitzgerald lead the team in 3-pt shots.



Shelbi Dittmer defends on defense.



Back row: Head coach Greg Wood, Rachel Beck, Danielle Shenk, Heather Klassen, Chloe Engel, Asst. coach Jeff Kyes. Middle row: St. Man. Tanner Wood, Lindy Eberle, Sydney Goerzten, Amber Scherer, Destiny Williams. Front row: Megan Fitzgerald, Shelbi Dittmer, Emily Kuhn, Morgan Van Housen.



Heather Klassen shots for 2.

Destiny Williams cut in front of her opponent.





Chloe Engel brings the call down court.

Allie Hogan ready for the rebound.





Lindy Eberle aims for the basket.

Danielle Shenk, Shelbi Dittmer and **Morgan Van Housen** goes for the rebound.











= TEAMWORK

SCOREBOARD

HPC 29	Giltner	64
HPC 18	Sutton	62
HPC 37	McCool	49
HPC 29	NE Christian	51
HPC 12	Exeter-Milligan	56
HPC 17	Shelby-Rising City	53
Holiday Tourney		
HPC 34	East Butler	60
HPC 19	Falls City SH	59
HPC 33	Hampton	70
HPC 13	Palmer	43
HPC 68	Dorchester	39
HPC 28	Heartland	63
HPC 39	Lawrence-Nelson	37
CRC Tourney		
HPC 34	Meridian	44
HPC 44	Osceola	50
HPC 20	Lindsay HF	71
HPC 16	Cross County	64
HPC 55	Meridian	65
HPC 37	BDS	57
Sub-Districts		
HPC 34	Cross County	51









From left to right:
Rachel Beck looks to inbound.

Sydney Goertzen says "I'm open".

Shelbi Dittmer claims her space.

Amber Sherer dribbles to the basket.

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High Plains Boys Basketball



Back row: Gavin Swanson, Josh DeMers, A.J. Edwards, Dylan Shenk, Cale Harless, Tyler Martin, Jabe Wurtz, Alex Bender, Mitchell Fagan, Jeff Gravlin, Kyler Van Housen. Front row: Omar Ramirez, Student Manager Keaton Van Housen, Ben Nunnenkamp, Andrew Adelson, Wyatt Fleming, Logan Fleming, Cole Klingsporn, Logan Engel, Ethan Fleming. Not pictured: St. Man. Griffin Hendricks.

SENIORS



Alex Bender



Mitchell Fagan



Ethan Fleming

COACHES



Head Coach
Cameron Hudson



Asst. Coach
John Kucera

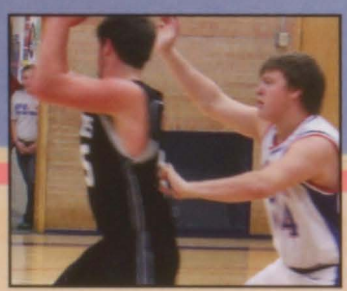
The boys had a very successful year. They made school history with a 21-5 record, the best for HPC. Highlights from the year include playing the Heartland Hoops Classic and hitting 102 points defeating Heartland Lutheran; beating the undefeated Kenesaw Blue Devils in district finals; playing in the state tournament for the 2nd year. The boys didn't make it as far as they wanted to, losing the battle of the first round to O'Neill St. Mary's. At year's end the team was ranked 5th in the Lincoln and Omaha papers. They also finished 2nd in the Friend Holiday tourney and 3rd in the CRC tourney. Many new team and player records were recorded this year. Lots of these were offensive records. Cole Klingsporn holds 10 of these including most 400 points, Logan Fleming recorded 407 points, and Logan Engel holds the career 3-pointers with 105. So team, there needs to be work done on defense, says Coach Hudson.



The Bombsquad warming up before the game.



Morgan Miller races down the court to get back on defense.



Gavin Swanson blocks an oppsoing player.



Josh DeMers brings the ball up the court and **Kyler Van Housen** hurrys back for defense.

SCOREBOARD

HPC	50	Giltner	37
HPC	35	Sutton	53
HPC	62	McCool	54
HPC	80	NE Christian	21
HPC	63	Exeter-Milligan	39
HPC	58	Shelby/RC	30
		Holiday Tourney	
HPC	85	East Butler	30
HPC	43	Falls City SH	62
HPC	72	Hampton	36
HPC	84	Palmer	54
HPC	74	Dorchester	26
HPC	67	Heartland	49
HPC	76	Lawrence-Nelson	44
		CRC Tourney - 3rd Place	
HPC	83	Hampton	40
HPC	47	BDS	56
HPC	59	Osceola	38
HPC	57	Osceola	38
HPC	82	Lindsay HF	70
HPC	81	Cross County	40
HPC	51	BDS	65
		Heartland Hoops Classic	
HPC	102	Heartland Luth	53
HPC	76	Meridian	31
		Sub-Districts	
HPC	51	Cross County	36
HPC	69	Fullerton	48
		Districts	
HPC	62	Kenesaw	57
		State Tournament	
HPC	56	St. Mary's	67

Final Record 21 - 5



Dylan Shenk boxes out for the rebound.





Logan Fleming bringing the ball down the court.



Mitchell Fagan leaps for a rebound.



Ben Nunnenkamp locks down on defense.



Logan Engel gets a steal for an easy two points.



Cole Klingsporn blows past his defender for a lay up.



Ethan Fleming sinks a lay up after the steal.



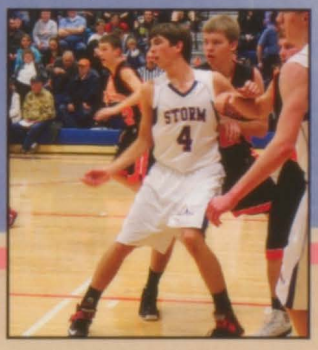
Alex Bender crashing the glass to get an offense rebound.



Jabe Wurtz looks for an open teammate.



Tyler Martin getting ready to make the pass.



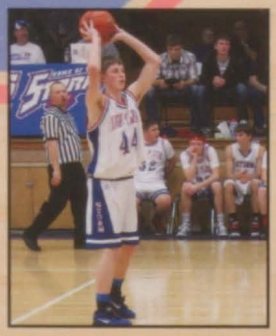
Cale Harless digging in deep for a post touch.



Wyatt Fleming spotting up for the 3 pointer.



Andrew Adelson cutting down the net after the district final game.



A.J. Edwards looking to pass.

Right: **Omar Ramirez** with a lay up over the defender.





Left: **Jeff Gravlin** taking the ball to the hoop.

High Plains Boys Track



Back row: Cale Harless, Jeff Gravlin, Ben Nunnenkamp, Alex Bender, Dylan Shenk. Middle row: Cale Bolton, Josh DeMers, Jabe Wurtz, Tanner Fate, Ethan Fleming, Logan Engel. Front row: Cole Klingsporn, Hunter Sharman, Tyson Fate, Logan Fleming, Trey Engel, Matthew Pekarek. Not pictured Garett Leisak and Omar Ramirez.

Scoreboard

Concordia	8th place
Merrick Co. Invite	No score kept
Osceola Invite	4th place
Meridian Invite	4th place
HPC Invite	3rd place
Palmer Invite	cancelled
Cen. NE Champships	No score kept
CRC	7th place
St. Edward Invite	cancelled
Districts	3rd Place
State	

HEAD COACH



Steve Meyer

Asst. COACHES



Greg Wood



Jim Pekarek



John Kucera

Tough track season for the year. It was difficult to get things rolling with so many practices indoors. They persevered through cold weather, snow and ice. The first meet was a 75 degree day, but they were indoors at Concordia. They never saw that temperature again until the state meet. But, no matter how bad the weather was, the boys kept working and competing doing their best. Some injuries hampered performances, but several records and personal best were achieved. School records were recorded by: Tyler Martin in the 800 Meter Run - 2:06.59; Trey Engel in the Pole Vault - 12'; Logan Fleming in the 1600 Meter Run - 4:54.0; and the 3200 Meter Relay - 8:49.9 with team members Kyler Van Housen, Jabe Wurtz, Tyler Martin, & Logan Fleming.
State qualifiers were the relay team, Tyler Martin in the 800 and Logan Fleming in the 1600..

SENIORS



Tanner Fate sprinting to the finish line for first place.



Alex Bender runnig his 400.



Ethan Fleming lets the discus fly.

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Garrett Lesiak jumping into the pit.



Jabe Wurtz ready to sprint to the finish line in the 110 hurdles.



Logan Fleming the last leg of the 4x800 relay. Other members of this relay were Jabe Wurtz, Kyler Van Housen and Tyler Martin. They qualified for state with a time of 8:51.4 at districts. Logan also qualified for the Central NE Championship meet in Grand Island.



Trey Engel set a new school record in the pole vault, 12 feet.



Matthew Pekarek throwing the shot put.



Hunter Sharman finishing the 800 strong.



Kyler Van Housen running the first leg of the 4x800 relay.



Omar Ramirez crossing the finish line.



Ben Nunnenkamp running the 400.



Cale Bolton clears the bar at CRC.



Josh DeMers sprinting for the finish line.



Jeff Gravlin on his way up over the bar in the high jump!



Logan Engel putting it all on the line in this race.



Dylan Shenk reaching a far mark in the long jump.



Tyson Fate can see the finish line in his view.







Left: **Cole Klingsporn** breaking the string. Center: **Cale Harless** taking the last hurdle. Right: **Tyler Martin** runs the 800, qualified for state and set a new school record 2:06.59.



Danielle Shenk warming up before her race.



Elizabeth Hayes prepares to throw the discus.



Destiny Williams pole vaulting for the first time.

GIRLS

Coach Kucera described this track season as brutal. We dealt with sleet, ice pellets, snow, wind, rain and one day was too hot. This all lead to a tough year. Too many practices had to be indoors and you just can't get in the routines needed when long jumping in the hallway. Actually they thought they had more practices indoors than out.

But, at least half of the team had their personal best recorded at every meet. Elizabeth Hayes was invited to throw discus at the Central NE Championships, she placed fourth with a throw of 119' 10". Jami Ostberg threw 101' at districts to qualify for the state meet in Omaha.

John Kucera was head coach, Assisitant coaches were Jim Pekarek, Greg Wood, and Steve Meyer.



Jami Ostberg prepares herself to throw the discus. She qualified for the State meet with a throw of 101' at Districts.



Morgan Van Housen finishing the two mile. Morgan was a 4-year track member who has done many events in her track career.

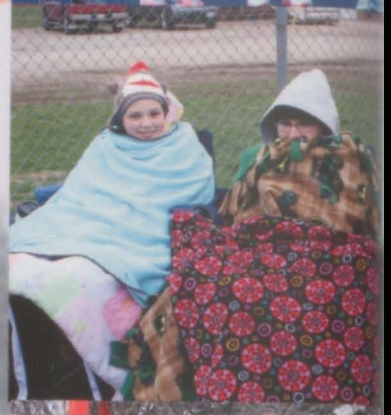


Amber Scherer running the 800.

Scoreboard

Concordia	12th place
Merrick Co. Invite	No score kept
Osceola Invite	7th place
Meridian Invite	10th place
HPC Invite	4th place
Palmer Invite	cancelled
Cen. NE Champships	No score kept
CRC	9th place
St. Edward Invite	cancelled
Districts	8th Place





From top to bottom:

Rachel Beck and **Marianna Chavez** wait in the cold to run their race.



Heather Klassen and **Elizabeth Hayes** try to stay warm while cheering on their teammates.



Jami Ostberg takes a practice throw for the discus.

Lindy Eberle and **Allie Hogan** neck and neck in the 100 meter dash.

Chloe Engel strides out in the 400 meter dash.

2013 TRACK



From top to bottom:

Emily Kuhn pushes hard in the 100 meter finals.



Rachel Beck running the 800 meter run on a very cold day.



Amber Scherer pushes to keep her lead in the 800 meter run.



Marianna Chavez running the 800 meter.



Destiny Williams pushes ahead for the tape in the 400.







Back row: Amber Scherer, Morgan Van Housen, Danielle Shenk, Jami Ostberg, Rachel Beck, Heather Klassen, Elizabeth Hayes. Front row: Mariana Chavez, Allie Hogan, Emily Kuhn, Chloe Engel, Destiny Williams



Left: **Allie Hogan** skies high in the long jump.

Right: **Heather Klassen** uses all her strength to toss the shotput and discus.





Lindy Eberle finished hard in the 200.



Emily Kuhn sprints to the finish.



Elizabeth Hayes throwing the shotput.



Danielle Shenk leaps over the hurdles (above) and takes her jump for the triple jump (below).

Rachel Beck and **Marianna Chavez** running the mile.





Morgan Van Housen running the 400 meter dash.



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GOLF

If the weather would have cooperated, the golf team would have had more meets and practices. Cold and wet would be words used to describe this year. But, even with those odds the team came away with some excellent performances.

Each meet allows five golfers to play their rounds, then the top four scores are recorded.

Shelbi Dittmer and Kyle Beck were the seniors on the team. The other members were Wyatt Fleming and Tyler Hoffman, juniors, sophomore Andrew Adelson, and Morgan Miller the sole freshman.

Wyatt Fleming lead the team with the most top finishes.

SENIORS



Shelbi Dittmer



Kyle Beck



Kyle Beck chips to the green.



Wyatt Fleming tees off at # 7.



Morgan Miller putts.



Tyler Hoffman walks up the green.

SCOREBOARD

TRI @ Osceola (Heartland Luth & Shelby/RC)	2nd
TRI @ Osceola (St. Paul & Central City)	3rd
Sandy Creek Invite	6th
Centura Invite	6th
TRI @ York (York JV & Shelby/RC)	2nd
Osceola Invite	1st
CRC	2nd
Quad @ GI (Heartland Luth, Franklin & Loup City)	5th
Districts	11th



Tyler Hoffman, Morgan Miller, Shelbi Dittmer, Andrew Adelson, Wyatt Fleming, Kyle Beck.



Morgan Miller gets ready to tee off.



Shelbi Dittmer tending the fly for a golfer.



Kyle Beck studies the path to the hole.





Above: **Andrew Adelson** heading out.
Left: **Tyler Hoffman** lines up his putt.



Wyatt Fleming watches where his shot from off the green lands.



Shelbi Dittmer contends with a tree and then watches where her ball lands.



Andrew Adelson sends his putt to the hole.



Champions of the Osceola Invite
Morgan Miller, Andrew Adelson, Wyatt Fleming, Kyle Beck, Shelbi Dittmer.

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HPC Cheerleaders



Right: **Danielle Shenk** and **Kelley Robinson** wait for the next wrestler.

Far right: The girls cheer on a wrestler at the HPC Invite.







Left: The girls begin a cheer at the homecoming game.

Right: The girls perform a dance at a home football game.





Allie Hogan celebrates a basket while **Danielle Shenk** watches in suspense.



Left: Cheering for a touchdown.



Right: **Danielle Shenk** and **Destiny Wialliams** stretch before a basketball game.







Allie Hogan, **Sydney Goertzen** and **Danielle Shenk** performing a dance routine.



Sophomore **Destiny Williams** definitely has spirit.





Above left: The girls do their favorite 'We Got Spirit' cheer.
Above right: Junior Sydney Goertzen watches the action a a basketball game.
Bottom left: Leading the students in a cheer at CRC Basketball.
Bottom right: The girls discuss what cheer to do next.



Trying to stay warm at a football game.

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Top: **Phoebe Edson.** Middle: **Kelley Robinson, Allie Hogan.** Bottom: **Destiny Williams, Danielle Shenk, Sydney Goertzen.**



The cheerleaders do a cheer with some dance moves during a time-out.



Sophomore **Danielle Shenk** cheering at a pep rally.



Senior **Kelley Robinson** yelling her loudest to pump up the crowd.



The cheerleaders waiting for the game to start.



Allie Hogan still cheerful despite the cold weather.



Sophomore **Phoebe Edson** at a pep rally cheering on the football team.



The cheerleaders get the crowd excited with a cheer.

The cheerleaders work hard trying to get the crowd excited about the games. They spend lots of time learning and practicing the cheers. This year they went to a camp in KC and then went back the next weekend to cheer and do a dance routine at a Kansas City Chiefs game. They had a fun year.

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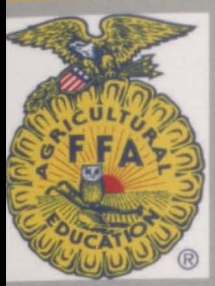


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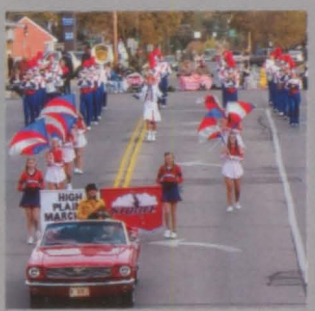










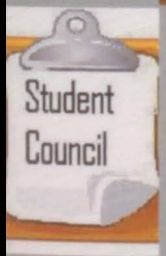













FCCLA

FCCLA kicked off their fall activities at the Fall Leadership Workshop and then the District Leadership Conference, both in Columbus. For the yearly service project members collected money for March of Dimes holding a blanket toss at a basketball game. In February three members attended the Legislative Workshop in Lincoln and a small group, of members, attended the Peer Retreat in Kearney. All of these activities help the members learn more about FCCLA and get ideas for our local chapter to try. Three members attended the State Conference in Lincoln



Right: FCCLA members posing for a picture in celebration of FCCLA week. We had a membership of 43 this year.



Below: (back row) **Ethan Fleming, Kelley Robinson, Danielle Shenk, Kylee Fischer, Phoebe Edson, Jenna Veburg. Middle row: Allie Hogan, Megan Fitzgerald, Chloe Engel, Korinne Wright, Katie Van Housen, Lindy Eberle, Rachel Beck, Hannah Person.** Front row: **Tyler Martin, Logan Fleming, Mitchell Fagan, Hunter Sharman, Matthew Pekarek, Morgan Van Housen** all smiling at the District Leadership Conference held at Central Community College in Columbus.

Left: FCCLA officers: **Mitchell Fagan** Vice President, **Katie Van Housen** Treasurer, **Kelley Roinson** President, **Ethan Fleming** Secretary, **Morgan Van Housen** Recreation Chairperson, **Megan Fitzgerald** Historian, **Kylee Fischer** Publicity Chairperson, **Danielle Shenk** Parliamentarian.



Left: **Jenna Veburg, Katie Van Housen,** and **Kylee Fischer** making pizza in Columbus at Godfathers. This yearly fund raising event supplies us with our funds to attend all the conferences and workshops throughout the year.



Right: **Megan Fitzgerald, Phoebe Edson, Shelbi Dittmer, and Emily Kuhn** catch money for the March of Dimes using a blanket.





Megan Fitzgerald, Danielle Shenk, Hannah Person, Phoebe Edson eating lunch at the District Leadership Conference.



Mitchell Fagan, Logan Fleming, Tyler Martin posing at the District Leadership Conference.

Right: **Destiny Williams, Jenna Veburg, Phoebe Edson, Danielle Shenk, Amber Scherer, Hannah Person** posing at the Fall Leadership Conference for a group picture.





Kelley Robinson, District 5 President calls the District Leadership Conference to order.

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Logan Engel, Tyler Martin and **Mitchell Fagan** with senators.



Eating and dealing with business at an FCCLA meeting.

HIGH PLAINS FFA



Austyn Beck, Morgan Miller, Omar Ramirez, Cheyenne Doremus, Garrett Lesiak, Allie Hogan, Kristopher Kelley, Cody Morris, Logan Fleming, Rachel Beck, Kyler Van Housen, Lindy Eberle, Mitchell Fagan, Tyler Martin, Kylee Fischer, Alex Bender, Katie Van Housen, Kyle Beck, Brandon Burruss, Eric Goertzen, Gavin Swanson, Tyler Hoffman, Sydney Goertzen, Katelyn Hoffman



Farm Safety Day was held at Kyle and Rachel Beck's farm.



Officers: **Austyn Beck**-Sentinel, **Kyle Beck**-Vice President, **Alex Bender**-President, **Tyler Martin**-Parliamentarian, **Tyler Hoffman**-Historian, **Cheyenne Doremus**-Reporter, **Kylee Fischer**-Secretary, **Brandon Burruss**-Treasurer.

The High Plains FFA envisions a future in which all agricultural education students will discover their passion in life and build on that insight to chart the course for their education, career and personal future.

The theme for the chapter was "Grow", which is exactly what members did. Members participated in contest, received degrees, performed community service activities and attended the state and national convention. Significant changes occurred from the addition of a new agricultural instructor, Tom Hoffman, remodeling the agricultural facility, and growing plants in the greenhouse.

Six members received their Greenhand Degree, four members received the Chapter Degree, and nine members received the State FFA Degree. A farm safety camp and leadership workshop was hosted for middle school students. FFA t-shirts were purchased for students in K-8. The fundraising activities, for the year, included the UFC YIELD Challenge, Fruit Sales, the Labor Auction, and selling plants from the greenhouse. Community service activities included hosting a blood drive for the American Red Cross, an open house in February to celebrate National FFA Week in which 100 community members attended.

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Kyle Beck and **Tyler Martin** talking at the Greenhand Ceremony



Our Advisor, **Mr. Hofmann.**



Greenhand Awards were received by: **Kristopher Kelley, Garrett Lesiak, Omar Ramirez, Kyler Van Housen, Garvin Swanson, Morgan Miller, Lindy Eberle,** and **Sydney Goertzen.**





Lindy Eberle, Rachel Beck, and **Allie Hogan** smiling for the camera.



Ben Kowalski, Cheyenne Doremus, Tyler Hoffman, and **Morgan Miller** at National Convention.

Sydney Goertzen and **Katelyn Hoffman** (above) and **Lindy Eberle, Rachel Beck, Kylee Fischer** and **Katie Van Housen** (below) working at the blood mobile held at the school.





Kylee Fischer and **Katie Van Housen.**



Garrett Lesiak, Katelyn Hoffman, and **Kyler Van Housen** showing off their FFA jackets.





Boys working hard a water line to the greenhouse.



Making food for the banquet.

State Degree recipients were: **Kyle Beck, Katie Van Housen, Mitchell Fagan, Kylee Fischer, Alex Bender, Brandon Burruss, Lane Church, Austyn Beck,** and **Eric Goertzen.**



State officers came to talk to classes one day.



Kyle Beck and Mr. Reimers cooking for the open house.



Seniors at the state convention with speaker, Aaron Davis.

Student Council



Standing up from left to right: Tanner Fate, Cale Harless, Ethan Fleming, Jacob Reyner, Danielle Shenk, Laura Chavez, Andrew Adelson, Logan Engel, Allie Hogan, Logan Fleming, Dylan Shenk, Emily Kuhn, Rachel Beck, Lindy Eberle, Morgan Van Housen, Sydney Goertzen, Reva Graves, Jabe Wurtz, Brandon Burruss, Kyler Van Housen, Hannah Person, Hunter Sharman, Josh DeMers, Matthew Pekarek.
Sitting: Kelley Robinson, Katie Van Housen, Kylee Fischer.
Not Pictured: Megan Fitzgerald, Alex Bender, Jami Ostberg.



Along with the Polk County Health Department, **Tanner Fate and Logan Fleming** are helping to collect money for breast cancer. It was held during the 'Pink Out' volleyball game.



Student Council Member **Megan Fitzgerald** is waving the Storm flag at a basketball game that was a new addition this year.

The High Plains Student Council had another fun and eventful year. They worked together to make many contributions to the school. They purchased a new flag to be used to show off HPC pride at sporting events; they provide the snacks and drinks in the machines for students; and they provide food for the homecoming and NHS dances. Their last event of the year is always the annual Clean-Up night getting the outside area ready for graduation by picking up trash, mowing, and doing other odd jobs around the school.





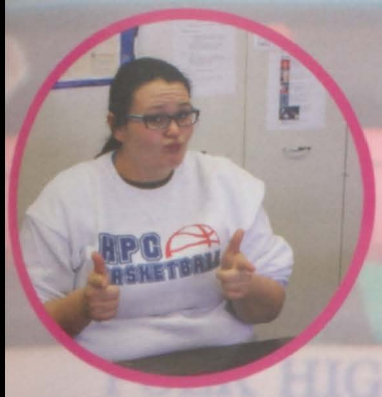








15 members showed up to help with the clean-up night. Front: **Reva Graves, Matthew Pekarek, Hannah Person, Sydney Goertzen, Lindy Eberle, Allie Hogan, Danielle Shenk**. Back: **Logan Fleming, Dylan Shenk, Logan Engel, Hunter Sharman, Cale Harless, Jabe Wurtz, Josh DeMers, Kyler Van Housen**.



Shelbi Dittmer posing for the camera.



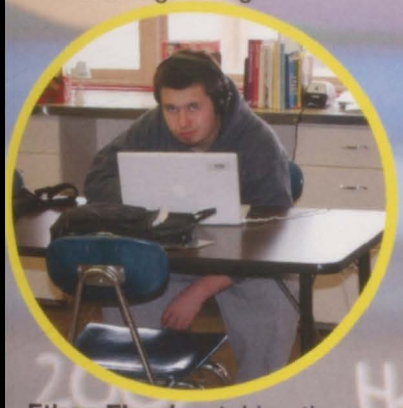
Front: Kelley Robinson, Katie Van Housen, Shelbi Dittmer, Morgan Van Housen
Back: Megan Fitzgerald, Emily Kuhn, Ethan Fleming, Kylee Fischer.

YEARBOOK



Kelley Robinson and **Katie Van Housen** sharing a laugh.

Eight seniors made up the Desktop Publishing class this year. They spent their time capturing all of the year's special moments to put in the yearbook. They also create the Monthly Forecast, the district newsletter, to keep the community and surrounding towns updated on the happenings at the school. They hope that everyone enjoys this year's yearbook and the hard work that went into it! Also, a special thanks to Mrs. Gilson, our teacher, who picks up our slack!



Ethan Fleming taking time from his hardwork to take a picture.





Emily Kuhn and **Morgan Van Housen** selling ads.

"We Have Issues"

High Plains Quiz Bowl

The High Plains Quiz Bowl team had seven members this year. They placed 2nd at the CRC Meet with a 5-2 record; and at Districts placed 4th with a 4-2 record. Andy Vrbka is the advisor. The team does a very good job with little practice. They are selected from teacher recommendations and their personal desire to be on the team.



Cale Harless not pleased to have his picture taken before competition.



Back row: **Matthew Pekarek**, **Randy Church**, **Cale Harless**, **Hannah Person**, **Reva Graves**. Front row: **Jabe Wurtz** , **Kelley Robinson.**



Top to bottom:

Captain **Kelley Robinson** ready to start the competition.



Randy Church mentally preparing for the competition.

Hannah Person and **Reva Graves** celebrate the first victory.



The girls, **Kelley Robinson**, **Hannah Person**, and **Reva Graves**, in competition.

Sophomore **Hannah Person** excited to begin.



Matthew Pekarek, **Cale Harless**, and **Randy Church** listen intently to the question being asked.







Freshman **Matthew Pekarek** nervous for the competition? NOT.



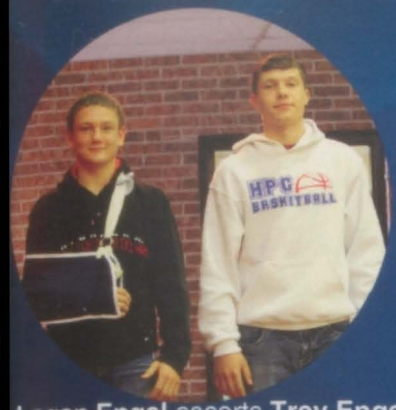
Kylee Fischer, **Katie Van Housen**, **Kelley Robinson**, and **Danielle Shenk** at the dance.



The original NHS members in the back two rows along with the new members in the front two rows.



Jabe Wurtz and **Alex Bender** pose for the camera.



Logan Engel escorts **Trey Engel** into the NHS induction.



The NHS members sold 481 hearts for cystic fibrosis as a service project.



Logan Engel and **Mitchell Fagan** taking a break from decorating for the dance.

National Honor Society

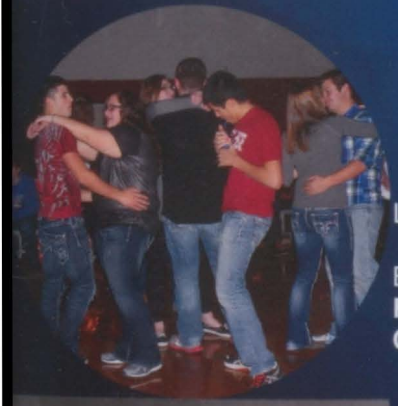


Kelley Robinson hands **Lindy Eberle** her certificate of membership.

The National Honor Society inducted eighteen new members; Mitchell Fagan, Jacob Reyner, Ben Nunnenkamp, Logan Fleming, Cale Bolton, Jabe Wurtz, Destiny Williams, Jenna Veburg, Danielle Shenk, Amber Scherer, Hannah Person, Cole Klingsporn, Cale Harless, Trey Engel, Phoebe Edson, Lindy Eberle, Rachel Beck, and Andrew Adelson. They sold hearts for a service project to help hose who suffer from cystic fibrosis and also collected cans for a food drive at the annual NHS dance. The group also took a trip to Omaha and took a meal to the Rainbow House before spending the rest of the day at the Henry Doorly Zoo. They also help with recyling having boxes in every room for papers and plastic bottles.



Alex Bender, **Kylee Fischer**, and **Katie Van Housen** read their parts during the ceremony.



Left: Kids get their slow dance on.

Below: **Megan Fitzgerald**, **Kylee Fischer**, **Lane Church**, and **Cale Bolton** break it down.

Right: The girls wait for the next song to start.

Below: **Hannah Person**, **Amber Scherer**, and **Kelley Robinson** pick up bottles after the basketball game.







All the cans collected from the NHS dance.



BAND



Drum majorette **Morgan Van Housen** leading the way in the Harvest of Harmony.



Tuba player **Ben Nunnenkamp** marches in the Harvest of Harmony parade.





The band started out with something new this year by marching at the State Fair in Grand Island. They also marched in the stand-bys, Harvest of Harmony and the Veteran's Day parades. They performed at two concerts, the district contest, and at graduation.

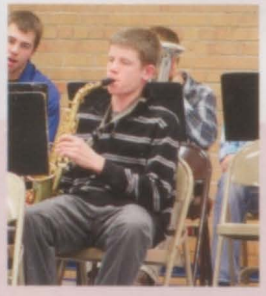
They received a Good at districts. Small groups at districts were: a trumpet duet by Andrew Adelson and Matthew Pekarek receiving a superior; a baritone solo by Morgan Miller receiving a excellent; and a clarinet solo by Reva Graves receiving an excellent.





Above and below: Band members playing their instruments at the winter music concert.





Kyler VanHousen playing his saxaphone at the winter concert.





Marching in the Veteran's Day parade in Central City.





Havest of Harmony Queen candidate, **Emily Kuhn.**



Flag Corp: Danielle Shenk, Megan Fitzgerald, Kylee Fischer, Lindy Eberle, Jenna Verburg, Rachel Beck.



The band marches in the Harvest of Harmony parade.

Choir

The High Plains choir was made up of 8 members. They were instructed by Larissa Schuele and performed at the Christmas concert, the District Music contest, and Fine Art Night.

Districts results were: Choir - excellent. Solo's by: Kelley Robinson -superior; Katelyn Hoffman - Excellent; Phoebe Edson - Excellent; Dawn Spencer - excellent. Duet's by: Kelley Robinson and Reva Graves - Excellent; Phoebe Edson and Katelyn Hoffman - superior.

This group was small but their voices made up for any lack of numbers. The National Athlem was sang at every home sporting event by a small group or solo's by these girls.



Reva Graves and **Kelley Robinson** at the Christmas concert.



Reva Graves, Kelley Robinson, Phoebe Edson, Heather Klassen, Dawn Spencer, Autumn Wood, Katelyn Hoffman, and Sydney Goertzen.



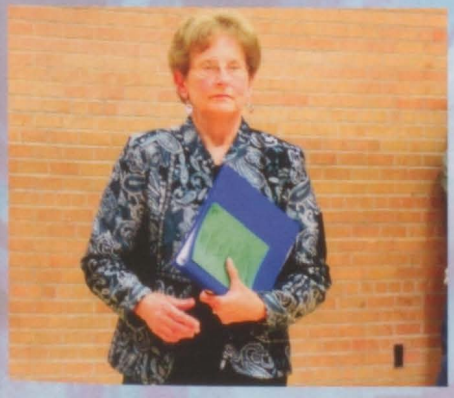
Kelley Robinson sings her solo.



Katelyn Hoffman and **Sydney Goetrzen** singing.



Reva Graves and **Phoebe Edson** sing a duet.



Accompanist **Mary Jane Samuels.**



Phoebe Edson and **Heather Klassen** watching director **Larissa Schuele.**



Dawn Spencer, and **Autumn Wood** sing their hearts out.

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ONE-ACT



The drama class tries to rehearse their play.



Kat, played by **Phoebe Edson,** and Miss Travis, played by **Hannah Person,** perform at districts.



Kelley Robinson as Principal yells at **Dalton McWain** as Trevor.



The ensemble introduces themselves at curtain call.



Destiny Williams steals **Jenna Veburg's** notepad.



Reva Graves as Bernice hobbles off stage.



Kelley Robinson preaches at her students.



Janice, played by **Danielle Shenk,** visits Grandma, played by **Jenna Veburg**.



Running tests on **Mariana Chavez** to see what is wrong with her.



Principal **Kelley Robinson** taking the students attendance in detention.

It was a busy year learning lines and preparing for competition for the one-act cast and crew. *Attention Detention* was a play about students in detention and their crazy stories.

They placed 7th at CRC, competed at districts and gave performances for the public and high school students. Superior Acting Awards were awarded to Kelley Robinson, Danielle Shenk, Dalton McWain, Reva Graves, Destiny Williams, Mariana Chavez, Hannah Person and Jenna Veburg.

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Katelyn Hoffman as Michelle reciting her line to **Destiny Williams** as Addie and **Jenna Veburg** as Jackie.

"Attention Detention"

By Bradley Hayward

Cast:

Principal....Kelley Robinson
Addie....Destiny Williams
Marissa....Mariana Chavez
Janice....Danielle Shenk
Trevor....Dalton McWain
Doctor/Brandon/Moderator....Austyn Beck
Lucy/Miss Travis/Snookie....Hannah Person
Ms. Hook/Bernice/Yiggle....Reva Graves
Rita/ Margret....Sydney Goertzen/Autumn Wood
Jackie/Stella....Jenna Veburg
Kat/Zellnoid....Phoebe Edson
Michelle....Katelyn Hoffman

Technical Crew:

Kendyl Beck
Cale Bolton
Cheyenne Doremus
Sydney Goertzen
Ben Nunnenkamp
Erik Ostberg
Dylan Shenk

Directed by Kathryn Meade & Heath Reimers



Ben Nunnenkamp and **Dylan Shenk** running the lights.



The cast bow at their curtain call.



Reva Graves as Yiggle spelling her word.



Students looking bored while in detention.



Hannah Person as Miss Travis whining about her actors to **Jenna Veburg** as Jackie.



Austyn Beck as the Doctor checks **Mariana Chavez** (Marissa) for allergies.



Austyn Beck as the Doctor finds something wrong with **Reva Graves** as Ms. Hook.



Back Row: Heath Reimers, Dalton McWain, Destiny Williams, Kelley Robinson, Danielle Shenk, Sydney Goertzen, Hannah Person, Kendyl Beck, Austyn Beck, Erik Ostberg, Dylan Shenk, Kathryn Meade. Front Row: Mariana Chavez, Reva Graves, Phoebe Edson, Cheyanne Doremus, Katelyn Hoffman, Jenna Veburg, Cale Bolton, Ben Nunnenkamp.



Jenna Veburg as Grandma Stella.

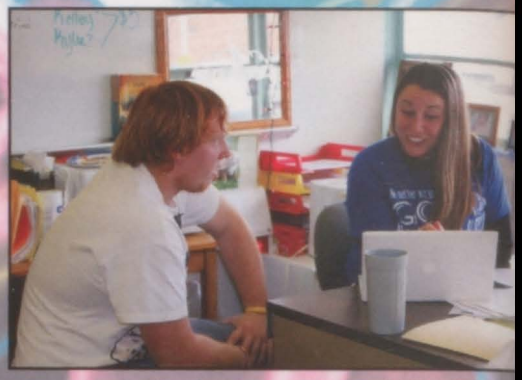
Speech Team



O.I.D Serial Killer Barbie performs. **Reva Graves**, **Jami Ostberg**, **Jenna Veburg**, and **Hannah Person**.



Sophomore **Katelyn Hoffman** gives her Persuasive speech.



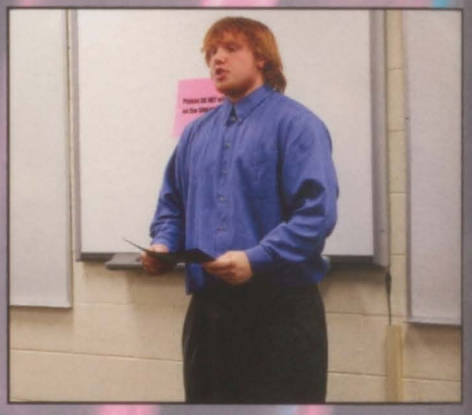
Assisstant coach Stacey Wilgocki helps Senior **Jayden Ragan**.



Seniors **Kylee Fischer** and **Kelley Robinson** perform their duet, Party On!



Sophomore **Heather Klassen** recites her Serious Prose.



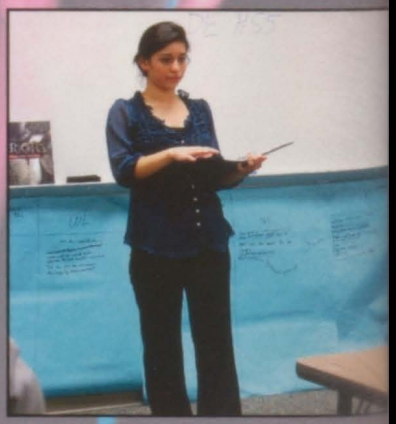
Jayden Ragan performing his Humorous speech.



Left: **Hannah Person** informs the judges with her Informative speech.

Right: **Cheyenne Doremus** waits patiently for the judge to get ready.





Marianna Chavez performing her poetry about the Holocaust.



Back row: Jami Ostberg, Sydney Goertzen, Jabe Wurtz, Heather Klassen, Andrew Adelson, Kylee Fischer, A.J. Edwards, Dalton McWain, Jayden Ragan. Front row: Marianna Chavez, Reva Graves, Lindy Eberle, Autumn Wood, Hannah Person, Cheyenne Doremus, Kelley Robinson, Jenna Veburg.

The Speech team had many new members along with returning members to make a strong competing team. They attended seven meets, receiving many medals at each meets.

The leading medalist from each class were: Kelley Robinson-senior, Reva Graves and Sydney Goertzen-juniors, Jenna Veburg and Katelyn Hoffman-sophomores.

All-academic honors were won by Reva Graves and Kelley Robinson.

These students spend lots of time practicing and preparing for their competiton. They also put in time on Saturdays to attend their meets. Way to go!



Sophomore **Lindy Eberle** presents her Informative speech.



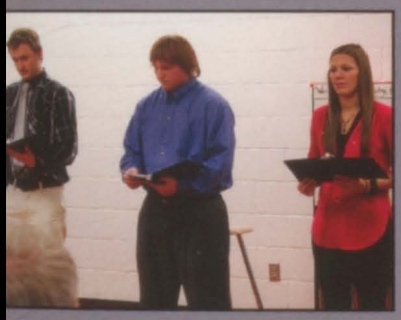
Kylee Fischer performing Poetry.



Kelley Robinson sings her heart out during her Humorous Prose.



Jenna Veburg gives her Entertainment speech on how not to give a speech.



O.I.D 'Drugs Are Bad' performs with members **Dalton McWain Jayden Ragan,** and **Kylee Fischer**. **Erik Ostberg** (below) was the orginal member, but absent at one meet.



Sydney Goertzen and **Katelyn Hoffman** performs their duet 'Misfits' at Fine Arts Night.



Left: **Coaches Sue** and **Stacy Wilgocki** give out awards at Fine Arts Night. These two coaches put in a lot of hours after school helping the students prepare for competition.





Right: **Kelley Robinson** and **Kylee Fischer** goof around while waiting to perform.

Left: **Dalton McWain** waits for a round to begin.



Athletic Honors

Softball



Kendyl Beck-All-State Honorable Mention. **Emily Kuhn**-All-Heartland Honorable Mention, Academic All-State. **Shelbi Dittmer**-All-Heartland Super Squad

Volleyball



Rachel Beck-York All-Area Honorable Mention. **Lindy Eberle**-Academic All-State, York All-Area Honorable Mention. **Morgan Van Housen**-CRC Honorable Mention, All-Heartland Honorable Mention, All-State Honorable Mention, Academic All-State.

Wrestling

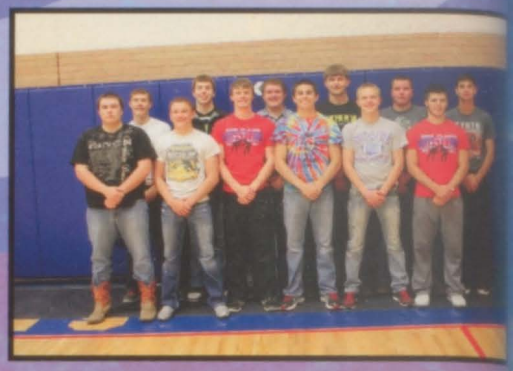


District Runner-Up Trophy.

State Qualifiers:
Trey Engel,
Kyle Beck,
Brandon Burruss,
Tanner Fate,
Cale Bolton,
Lane Church.

State Medalist:
Brandon Burruss- 6th Place,
Cale Bolton- 5th Place.

Football



Logan Engel-All-District Honorable Mention, Academic All-State. **Ben Nunnenkamp**-All-District Honorable Mention. **Mitchell Fagan**-All-District Team, All-State Class D Honorable Mention, Huskerland All-State Honorable Mention, All-Nebraska Honorable Mention, Academic All-State. **Kyle Beck**-All-District Honorable Mention, All-State Class D Honorable Mention, Huskerland All-State Honorable Mention, All-Nebraska Honorable Mention. **Alex Bender**-All-District Team, All-Heartland Small School 1st Team Defense, All-State Class D Honorable Mention, Huskerland All-State Honorable Mention, All-Nebraska Honorable Mention. **Tyler Martin**-All-District Honorable Mention. **Wyatt Fleming**-All-District Team- Kicker, All-Heartland Small School Honorable Mention, All-State Class D Honorable Mention, Huskerland All-State Honorable Mention, All-Nebraska Honorable Mention. **Trey Engel**-All-District Team. **Tanner Fate**-All-District Team, All-Heartland Small School 2nd Team Offense, All-State 1st Team Class D Defense, All-Nebraska 1st Team 8-Man Offense, Huskerland All-State Class D-1 1st Team Offense, Bobby Mills 1,000-Yard Club (Rushing1,333 & Passing 1,206). **Logan Fleming**-All-District Team, All-Heartland Small Scholl 1st Team Defense, All-State Class D Honorable Mention, Huskerland All-State Honorable Mention, All-Nebraska Honorable Mention. **Cole Klingsporn**-All-District Honorable Mention. **Cale Bolton**-All-District Team, All-Heartland Small School Honorable Mention, All-State Class D Honorable Mention, Huskerland All-State Honorable Mention, All-Nebraska Honorable Mention.

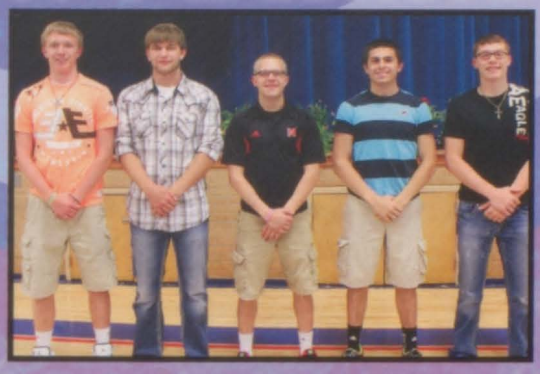
Athletic Honors

Girls Basketball



Shelbi Dittmer-York All-Area Honorable Mention, CRC/ Goldenrod All-Star BB Game alternate.
Morgan Van Housen-York All-Area Honorable Mention, CRC/ Goldenrod All-Star BB Game alternate. All-Academic.
Emily Kuhn-All Academic.

Boys Basketball



Alex Bender-All-State Honorable Mention, York All-Area Honorable Mention, Columbus All-Area Honorable Mention.
Logan Engel-All-Heartland Honorable Mention, All-Nebraska Honorable Mention, All-Academic.
Logan Fleming-1st Team CRC, All-Heartland 3rd Team, All-State 2nd Team, All-Nebraska 2nd Team, Columbus All-Area 2nd Team, York All-Area 1st Team.
Cole Klingsporn-1st Team CRC, All-Heartland 1st Team, All-State 2nd Team, All-Nebraska 2nd Team, Columbus All-Area 1st Team, York All-Area 1st team.
Dylan Shenk-2nd Team CRC, All-Heartland Honorable Mention, All-State 2nd Team, All-Nebraska Honorable Mention, Columbus All-Area 2nd Team, York All-Area 1st Team, All-Academic

Track



State Qualifiers: 3200 Meter Relay - **Kyler Van Housen Jabe Wurtz, Logan Fleming, Tyler Martin.**
1600 Meter Run - **Logan Fleming.**
800 Meter Run - **Tyler Martin.**
Discus - **Jami Ostberg.**

Participation Award



Seniors who participated in three sports for all 4 years:
Tanner Fate, Shelbi Dittmer, Ethan Fleming, Alex Bender, Emily Kuhn, Kyle Beck, Morgan Van Housen.

Activities Honors



CRC Honor Choir

Back: **Phoebe Edson, Reva Graves.**
Front: **Sydney Goertzen, Katelyn Hoffman.**



Peru State College Honor Choir

Back: **Heather Klassen, Autumn Wood, Katelyn Hoffman, Dawn Spencer.**
Front: **Kelley Robinson.**

CRC Honor Band

Back: **Logan Engel, Ben Nunnenkamp, Danielle Shenk.**
Middle Row: **Matthew Pekarek, Reva Graves, Lindy Eberle.** Front: **Cale Harless, Jabe Wurtz.**





Outstanding Acting Award

Back: **Danielle Shenk, Reva Graves, Kelley Robinson, Dalton McWain.**
Front: **Mariana Chavez, Hannah Person, Jenna Veburg, Destiny, Williams.**

Activities Honors



Actions Day

Matthew Pekarek placed 2nd in Recent Events.
Josh DeMers placed 5th in General Math.
Sharanna Pierce placed 4th in Vocabulary and 5th in Art.
Hannah Person placed 4th in Spelling.
Reva Graves placed 2nd in English I.

All-Around Student



Ethan Fleming & Morgan Van Housen



Academic Letter

Back: **Randy Church, Cale Harless, Dylan Shenk, Mitchell Fagan, Jabe Wurtz, Andrew Adelson, Logan Engel, Morgan Van Housen.** Front: **Trey Engel, Brandon Burruss, Hannah Person, Emily Kuhn, Danielle Shenk, Rachel Beck, Lindy Eberl. Jenna Veburg, Reva Graves.**

All- Academic

NSAA Academic All-State.
Back: **Randy Church**-WR, **Logan Engel**-FB & BBB, **Mitchell Fagan**-FB, **Dylan Shenk**-BBB, **Morgan Van Housen**-VB & GBB, **Brandon Burruss**-WR.
Front: **Kelley Robinson**-SP, **Emily Kuhn**-SB, GBB & TR, **Lindy Eberle**-VB, **Reva Graves**-OA & SP, **Hannah Person**-OA. **Danielle Shenk**-TR, **Jabe Wurtz**-TR, **Trey Engel**-TR, **Andrew Adelson**-GF.





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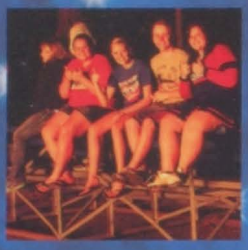
























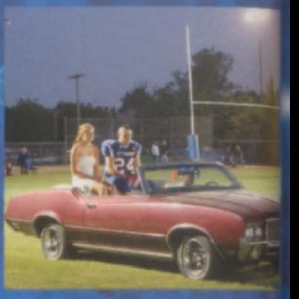




























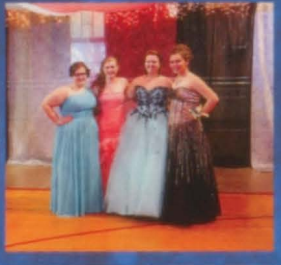












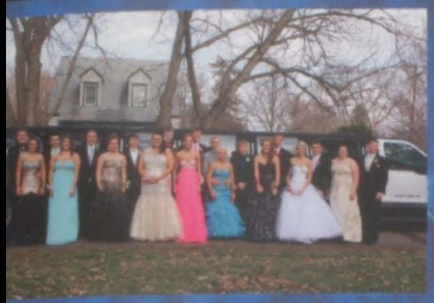




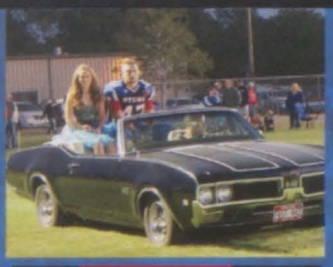




I HOPE YOU DANCE...































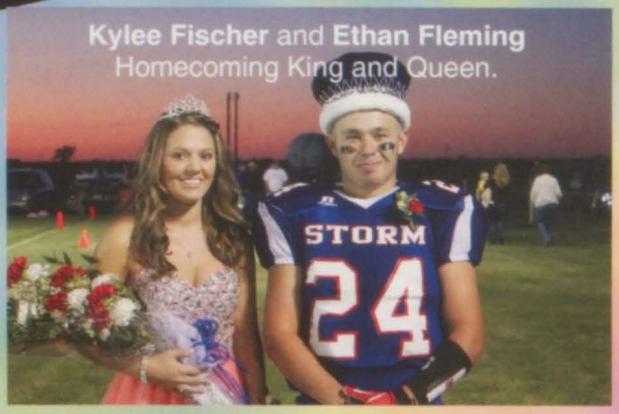






2012 HOMECOMING

Homecoming week was kicked off with a bonfire. The senior parents held a cupcake decorating contest for the seniors. Following the contest, the softball, football, and volleyball seniors gave speeches to pump up the teams. The week continued with daily dress-up competitions. Friday at the game, the boys dominated against the Friend bulldogs with a 65-6 victory. At halftime, the royalty was crowned. Homecoming week ended with a dance on Saturday. Seniors won the spirit week racking up the most points from the weeks activities.



Kylee Fischer and **Ethan Fleming** Homecoming King and Queen.



Addison Lindburg and **Kaden Rieken** were the crown barriers.



Crowning at halftime.



Homecoming Royalty:
Back: **Tanner Fate, Morgan Van Housen, Katie Van Housen, Alex Bender.**
Front: **Addison Lindburg, Kylee Fischer, Ethan Fleming, Kaden Rieken.**

THE DANCE



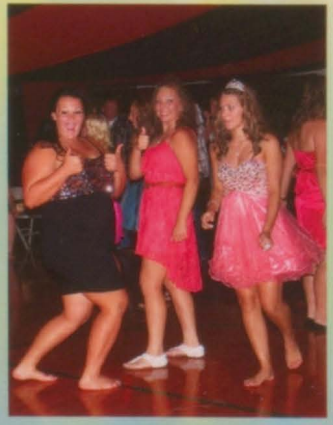


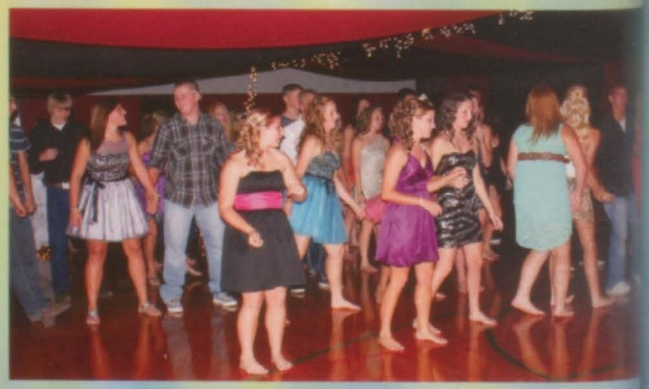










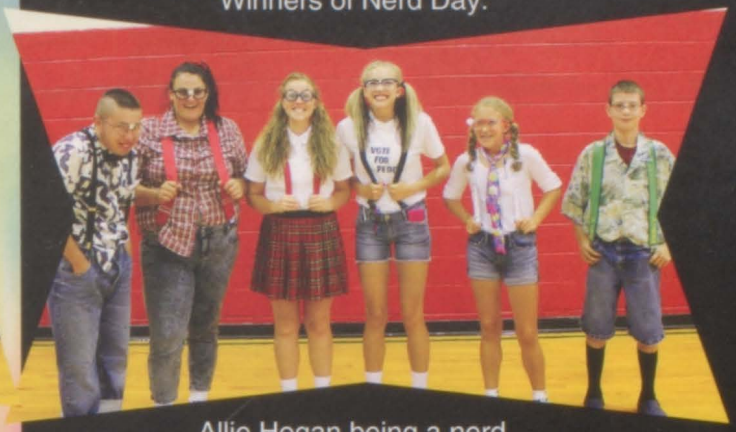


Spirit Week

Seniors on Red White, and Blue Day.



Winners of Nerd Day.



Winners of Red White, and Blue Day.



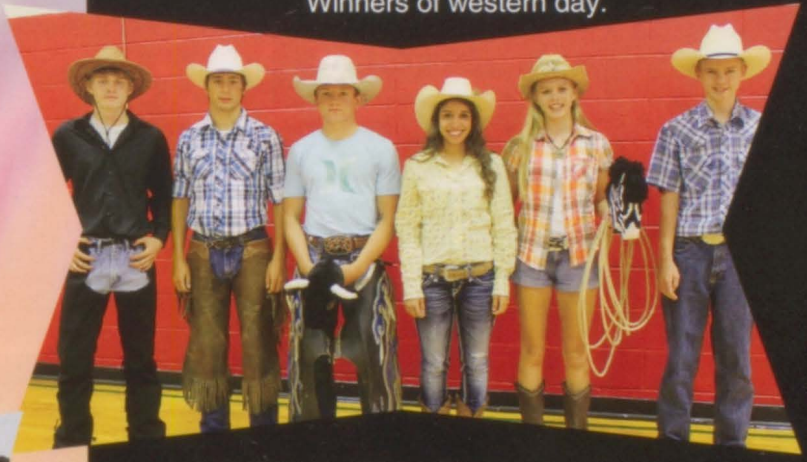
Allie Hogan being a nerd.



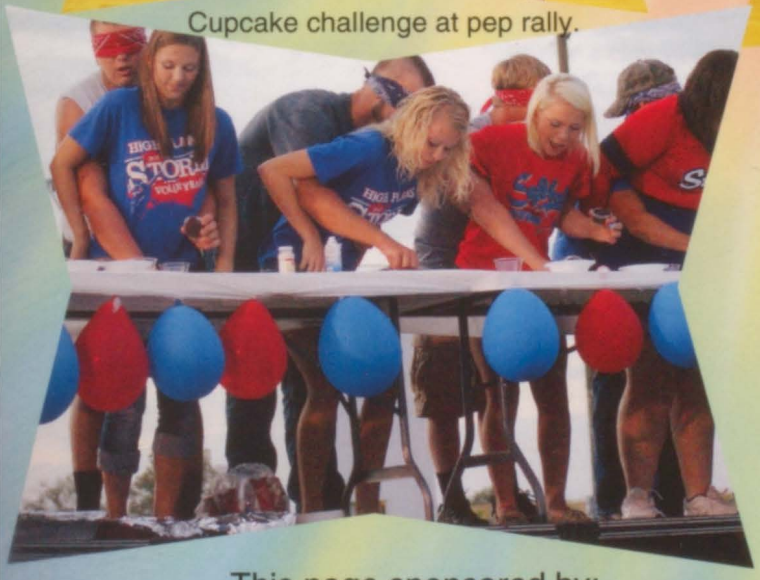
Winners of Sunglasses Day.



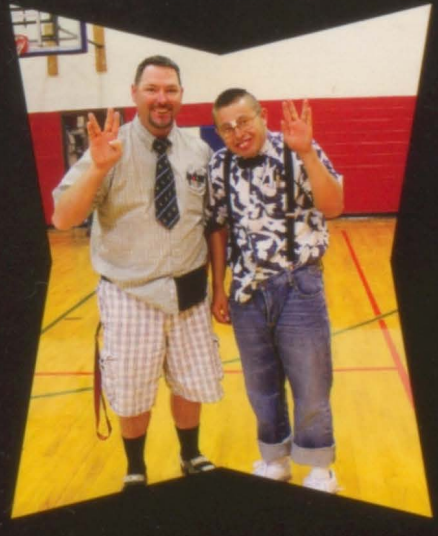
Winners of western day.



Cupcake challenge at pep rally.



Coach K and Ethan Fleming nerding it up.



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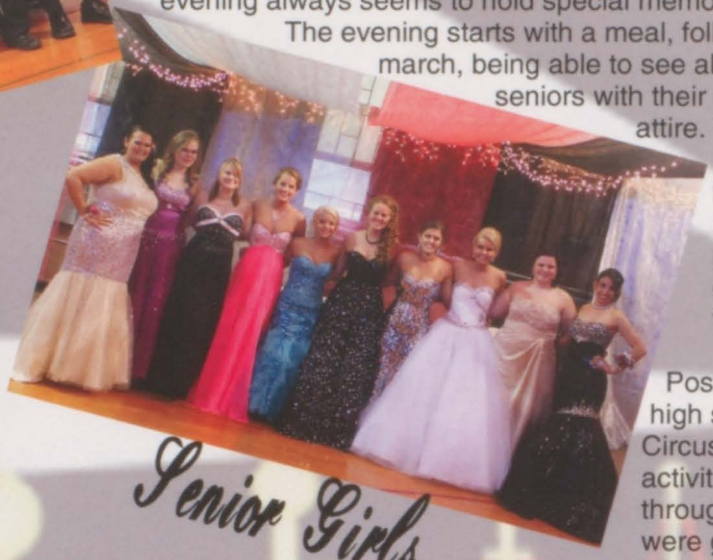


Right: Some of the Seniors rode in style in a 22 person stretch limo.



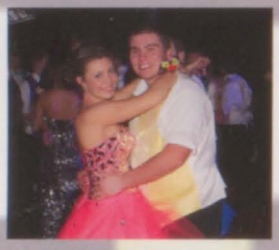
'A Night on the Red Carpet' was the theme for the 2013 prom. The evening always seems to hold special memories for all who attend. The evening starts with a meal, followed by the grand march, being able to see all the juniors and seniors with their dates in their formal attire. Then the cameras begin capturing all those scrapbook memories. Finally the music plays and the dance floor is never the same.

Senior Boys



Senior Girls

Post Prom was held in the high school gym. It was a Circus theme. Games and activities were held throughout the night. Prizes were given and Prom 2013 came to a close.



Wyatt Fleming dancing with Tori Meysenburg.



The limo arriving.



Couples dancing the night away.



Randy Church being breathalized and Jayden Ragan waiting.



The dance floor was a popular place all night.



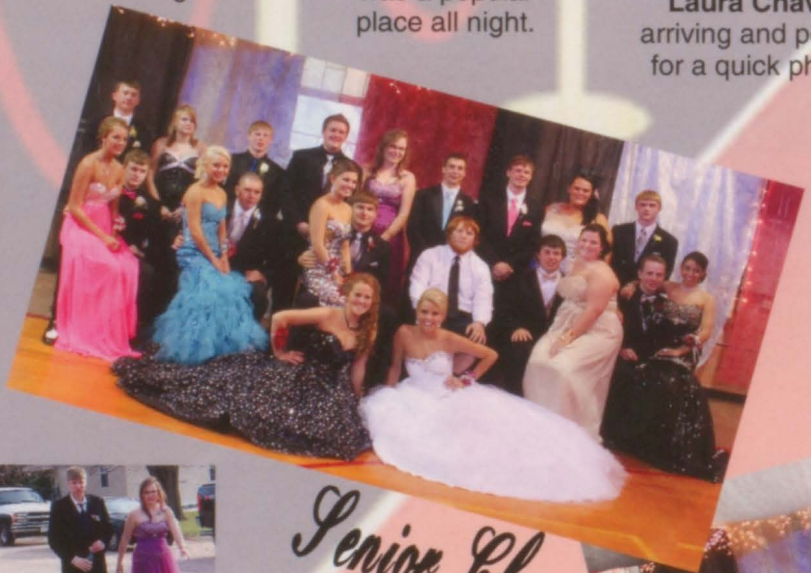
Jacob Reyner and **Laura Chavez** arriving and posing for a quick photo.



Shelbi Dittmer doing her thing on the dance floor.



The girls dropping it low.





Servers: **Jabe Wurtz, Andrew Adelson, Cale Harless, Cheyenn Doremus, Lindy Eberle.**

Senior Class



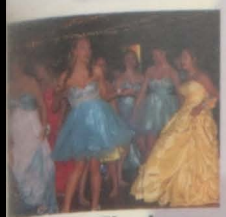
The boys doing the ChaCha Slide.



Right: **Elizabeth Hayes** and her date arriving.



A Night on the Red Carpet



Kylee Fischer and **Danielle Shenk** dancing the night away.



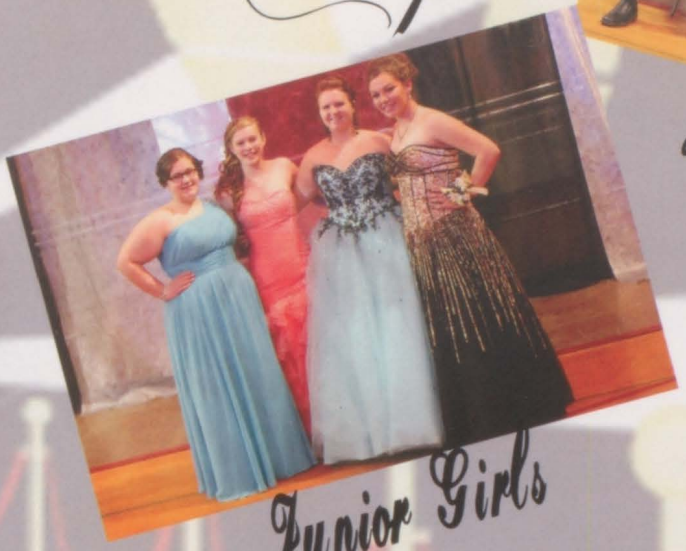
Dance, Dance, Dance.



Ethan Fleming busting a move.



Megan Fitzgerald and **Kylee Fischer** making their last prom one to remember.



Junior Girls



Junior Boys



Lane Church and Krystal Bialis.



And the dancing continues.



Trey Engel helping **Megan Fitzgerald** out of the limo.



Alex Bender and **Kylee Fischer**.



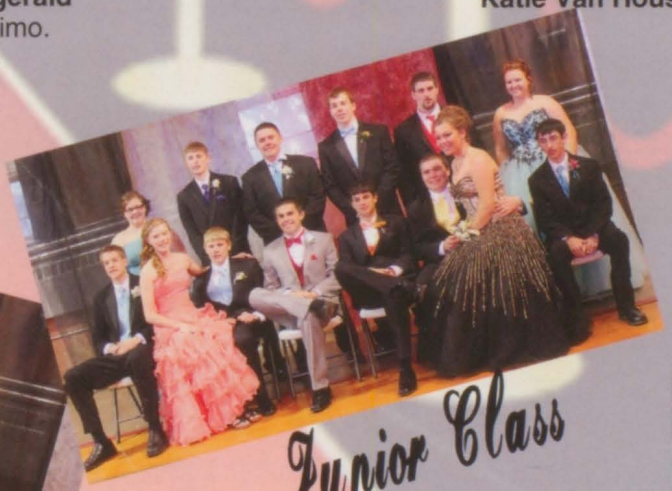
Brandon Sutton and **Katie Van Housen**



Kyle Beck showing everyone up dancing.

Prom 2013





Junior Class



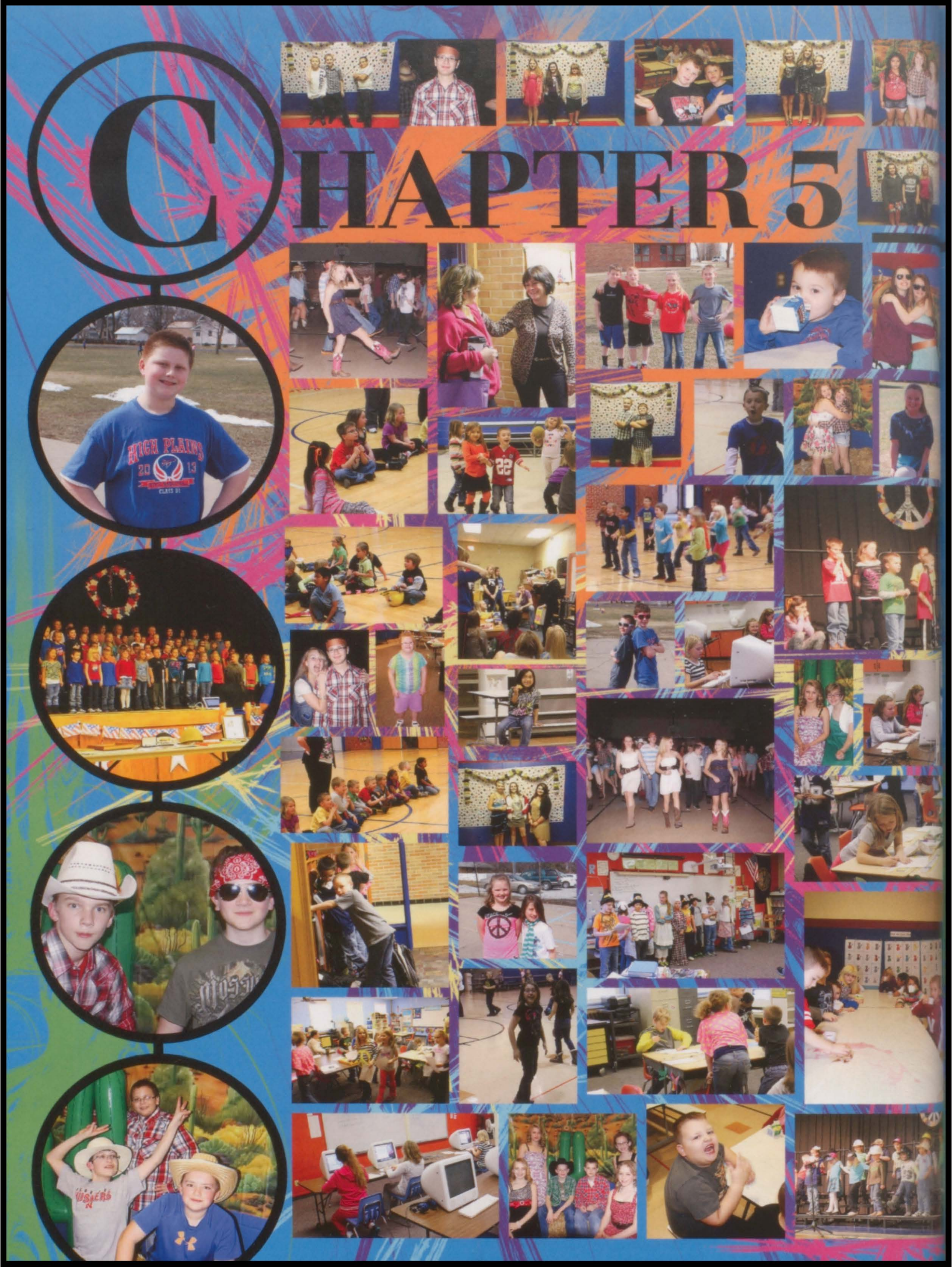
A group of girls still dancing.



Freshman boys too shy to ask a girl to dance.



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CHAPTER 5


The Hope of the Future

6th Grade


Jacob Adelson


Logan Archer


Annika Baumwart


Delaney Carlstrom


Riley Carlstrom


Clay Church


Jayden Dietz


Miranda Fritz


Jacey Klassen


Rachelle Reimers


Cassidy Rieken


Eric Rieken


Logan Russell


Garrett Sharman


Collin Smelker


Sydney Strobel


Hannah Tonniges


Jessie Wemhoff

7th Grade


Alyse Carlson


Cara DeMers


Bo Dittmer


Zeke Edson


Austin Fritz


Tegan Fritz


Claire Harless


Frankie Hendricks


Justin Hughes


Katlyn Kelley


Emily McNaught


Bailey Morris


Amanda Morse


Greg Mundorf, Jr.


Tanner Parsons

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8th Grade


Bradley Powell


Christian Shaw


Khrystal Squire


Kaylee Van Housen


Joe Wall


Madison Young


Jennifer Chavez


Buck Church


Lucas Danklesen


Ashlen Dietz


Johnathan Dvorak


Kaylee Eberle


Chloe Edson


Tana Engel


Leslie Fritz


Joshua Hogan


Tayler Klassen


Adam Lindgren


Cheyanne Means


Raven Pierce


Anna Reeves


Michaela Reimers


Andrew Schuller


Kyle Stevens


Payton Stevens


Paige Swanson


Evan Wall


Paige Wemhoff


Taylor Williams


Bryce Wilshusen


Thomas Young





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Middle School Volleyball



Madison Young serving.



Tana Engel checking her position.



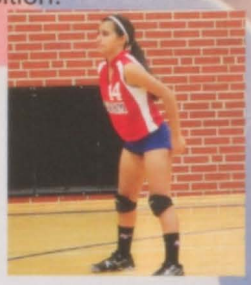
Tayler Klassen ready to block.



Kaylee Eberle serving.



Right: **Jennifer Chavez** waiting for the serve.
Left: **Anna Reeves**, **Tayler Klassen**, and **Kaylee Eberle** celebrating.





Emily McNaught waits for the whistle.



Fourth row: Coach Angie Eberle, Assistant Coach Laura Hedrick. Third row: Morgan Schulze, Cheyanne Means, Paige Swanson, Chloe Edson, Madison Young, Cara DeMers, Claire Harless. Second row: Student Manager Cassidy Rieken, Emily McNaught, Bailey Morris, Yuti Rascon, Alyse Carlson, Kaylee Van Housen, Rachel Sundberg. First row: Tayler Klassen, Frankie Hendricks, Tana Engel, Kaylee Eberle, Anna Reeves, Jennifer Chavez.

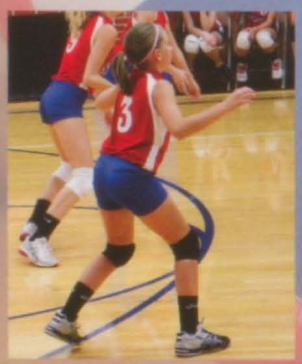
Scoreboard

HPC		OPP
2	Osceola	1
2	Cross County	0
1	Hampton	2
2	Giltner	0
2	St. Libory/Chapman	0
1	GICC	2
2	St. Paul	1
1	GICC	2
2	McCool	0
0	Shelby/RC	2
2	East Butler	0
0	Wahoo	2
2	Nebraska Christian	2

Final Record 8-5



Cara DeMers setting the ball.



Above: **Claire Harless** gets ready to set.

Below: **Alyse Carlson** and **Bailey Morris** wait for the ref.

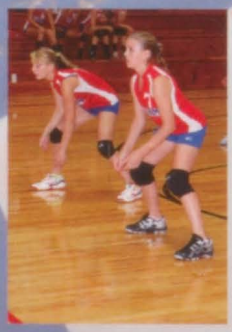




Above: **Paige Swanson** gets ready to serve the ball.

Below: **Frankie Hendricks** waits for the ball to come back.





Above: **Cheyanne Means** and **Kaylee Van Housen** get down and ready.

Below: **Yuti Rascon** and **Chloe Edson** wait for the ball.





Rachel Sundberg focuses during the game.



The team brings it in after a timeout.



Kaylee Van Housen and **Morgan Schulze** focus hard on the game.



Anna Reeves gets low to pass the ball.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL

MS FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD	
HPC - 12	Shelby/RC - 50
HPC - 0	Osceola - 36
HPC - 44	East Butler - 40
HPC - 92	NE Christian - 44
Record: 2 - 2	



Back row: Bo Dittmer, John Dvorak, Kyle Stevens, Payton Stevens,Thomas Young, Josh Hogan, Austin Fritz. Front row: Greg Mundorf, Bryce Wilshusen, Adam Lindgren, Zeke Edson, Brad Powell, Tanner Parsons, Justin Hughes.



Above: **Thomas Young** gets the snap and takes off.

Below: **Payton Stevens** gets in the backfield and hits the ball carrier.



John Dvorak kicking off for the Storm.









Kyle Stevens holding his block for the running back to get through the hole.



Adam Lindgren and **Bryce Wilshusen** waiting for the ball to be snapped.

Bryce Wilshusen busting the line and heading toward the running back.



Josh Hogan breaking one for a touchdown.

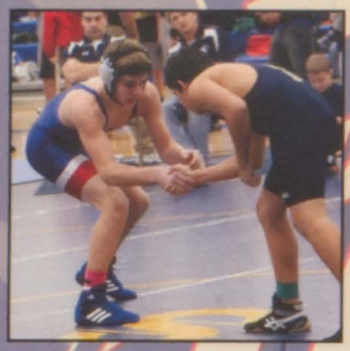


Brad Powell going out on a route.



Bo Dittmer preparing to snap the ball.

Middle School Wrestling



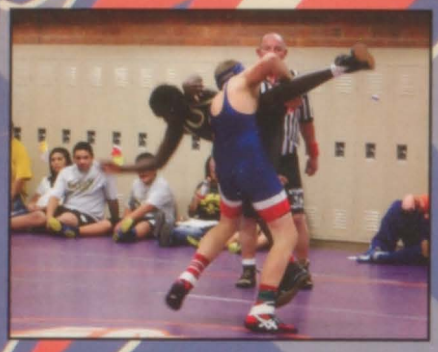
Josh Hogan ready to begin as he shakes hands with his opponent before the match.



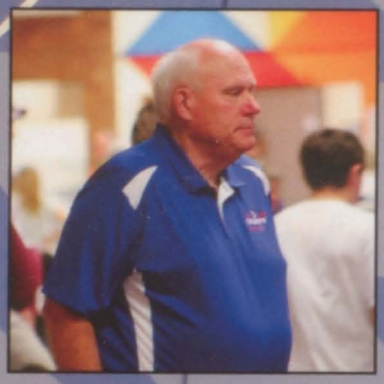
Kyle Stevens pins his opponent to the mat.



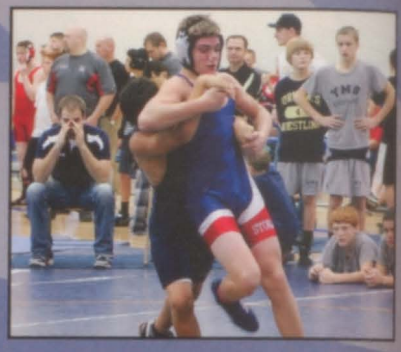
Payton Stevens, Josh Hogan, Kyle Stevens.



Payton Stevens getting a takedown.



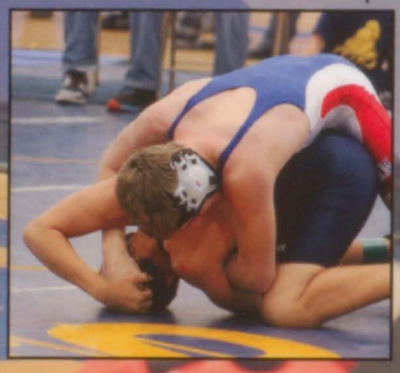
Coach Manstedt looking on as one of his wrestlers prepares to wrestle.



Josh Hogan works on getting an escape.



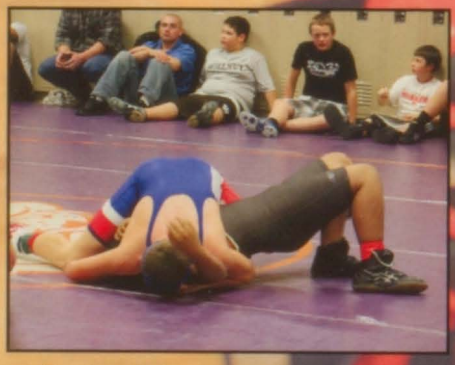
Kyle Stevens locking head-to-head with the opponent.



Josh Hogan setting up for the pin.

MEETS

Clay Center/Sandy Creek Invite
Dorchester Invite
Walnut Invite
East Butler Invite
Schuyler Invite
Seward Invite



Payton Stevens with the pin.





Left: **Kyle Stevens,** Right: **Payton Stevens** getting their arms raised after hard fought wins.

Middle School Boys Basketball



Back row: Student Manager Adam Lindgren, Thomas Young, Payton Stevens, John Dvorak, Kyle Stevens, Bo Dittmer, Student Manager Clay Church. Front row: Andrew Schuller, Josh Hogan, Tanner Parsons, Zeke Edson, Brad Powell.



John Dvorak playing defense.



Kyle Stevens locking down on defense.



Thomas Young prepares to block the shot.



The Storm ready to box out on the free throw.



Andrew Schuller ready for some defense.



Tanner Parsons watches the free throw.

MS Basketball

HPC- 54	Osceola	31
HPC- 41	Cross County	38
HPC- 14	Hampton	41
HPC- 36	Shelby/Rising City	39
HPC- 58	NE Christian	24
HPC- 63	Chapman/St. Libory	13
HPC- 59	Giltner	30
HPC- 63	Chapman/St. Libory	19
HPC- 59	Cedar Hollow	19
HPC- 53	GICC	21

1st Place Chapman Tourney

Record: 8-2



Josh Hogan closing out on the shooter.



The Storm defense guarding the in bounds play.



Left: The Storm bench is supporting their teammates.



Payton Stevens skying high for posssesion of the tip.

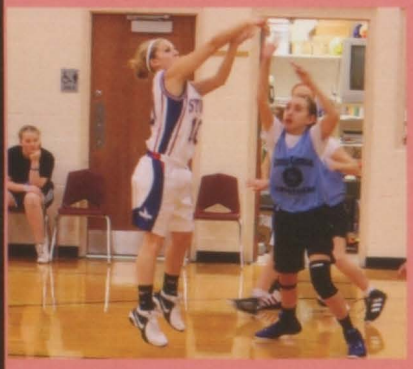


The Storm defense taking away the post.

Middle School Girls Basketball



Back row: Alyse Carlson, Madison Young, Paige Wemhoff, Tayler Klassen, Bailey Morris, Rachel Sundberg, Cara DeMers, Taylor Williams, Cheyanne Means. Front row: Kaylee Van Housen, Dorley Marino, Jennifer Chavez, Tana Engel, Anna Reeves, Frankie Hendricks, Kaylee Eberle, Paige Swanson



Anna Reeves takes a shot.



Kaylee Eberle goes around a defender.



Rachel Sundberg looks for an open player to inbound the ball.



Bailey Morris shooting a free throw.



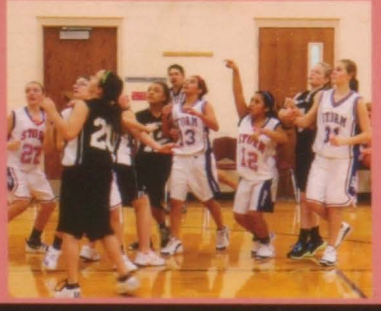
Alyse Carlson goes hard on defense.



Above: **Frankie Hendricks** dribbles down the court.
Below: Watching for the basket.



Taylor Klassen gets ready to jump for the ball.



Scoreboard

HPC	24
Hampton	39
HPC	46
Chap/ St. Lib	24
HPC	17
Shelby/RC	23
HPC	38
NE Christian	22
HPC	41
Giltner	22

Final Record 3 - 2



Above: **Tana Engel** goes around a defender.
Below: **Cara Demers** blocks a shot.



Boys Track



Back row: Josh Hogan, Kyle Stevens, John Dvorak, Payton Stevens, Andrew Schuller, Thomas Young, Bo Dittmer.
Front Row: Greg Mundorf, Zeke Edson, Tanner Parsons, Bryce Wilshusen, Tegan Fritz, Brad Powell, Adam Lindgren.

SCOREBOARD

Polk County Quad - 3rd

High Plains Invite - 3rd

CRC Meet - 5th



Kyle Stevens looking to attack the next hurdle.



Josh Hogan ready for the next hurdle.



Thomas Young leading the way in the relay.



Greg Mundorf strides to the finish line.



Bryce Wilshusen and **Tegan Fritz** sprinting their way to the finish line.



Tanner Parsons ready to take off for the high jump.





Above: **Bo Dittmer** takes his turn at the shot put.



Brad Powell striding to the finish line.



Left: **Josh Hogan** clears the bar with plenty to spare.

Girl's Track



Front row: Claire Harless, Jennifer Chavez, Kaylee Eberle, Emily McNaught, Paige Swanson. Middle row: Dorley Marino, Tana Engel, Cara DeMers, Anna Reeves, Frankie Hendricks, Cheyanne Means. Back row: Alyse Carlson, Bailey Morris, Rachel Sundberg, Madison Young, Tayler Klassen, Chloe Edson, Taylor Williams, Kaylee Van Housen.

Scoreboard

Polk County Quad - 1st

High Plains Invite - 3rd

CRC Meet - 1st





Paige Swanson and **Chloe Edson** jumping at the HPC invite.



Cheyanne Means heading to the finish line.



Jennifer Chavez takes a warm-up run for in the long jump



A trackster soaring over the high jump bar.



Kaylee Eberle running to the finish line.



Madison Young winding up to throw the discus.



Frankie Hendricks focused on her next hurdle.



Dorley Marino working hard to finish.

Far right: **Cara DeMers** ready to throw the disc.

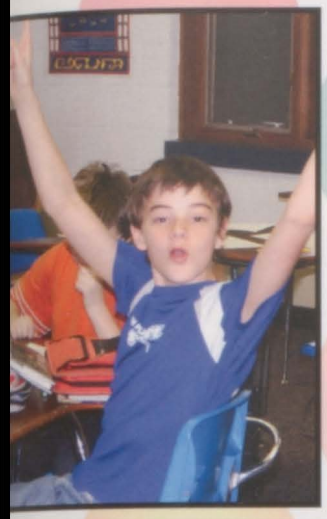
Right: **Rachel Sundberg** spins to throw the discus.

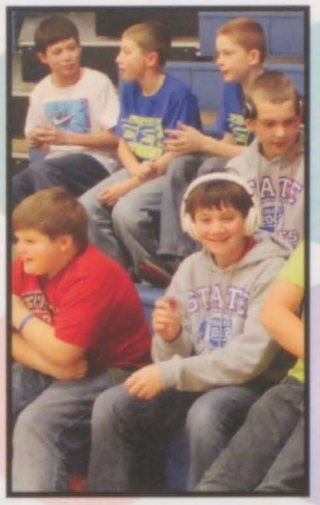




Middle School

























Kindergarten



Rylee Ackerson | Courtney Carlstrom | Madix Fuhrman | Ayden Hans | Hayden Helgoth | Allie Howell | Addison Lindburg



Kaden Rieken | Emma Schuele | Caleb Sharman | Elanie Sweet | Hudson Urkoski | McKinley Warnick | Alyssa Wostrel | Laynie Ziemba

1st Grade



Kehlanee Bengtson | Cameron Bohaboj | Genavieve Burkhardt | Shane Cook | Isabella Dutcher | Kyleigh Farley | Hank Fuhrman



Ryan McNaught | Elliot Prokop | Orlando Rascon | Lance Russell | Wyatt Urkoski | Esperanza Verdugo-Zamora | Michaela Zeller

2nd Grade



Emily Ackerson | Cabot Archer | Connor Church | Taya Engel | Anthony Hiett | Connor Kalkwarf | Hailey Lindburg



Hailey Morris | Korrigan Smelker | Ashley Van Housen | Austin Van Housen | Mario Verdugo-Zamora | Danielle Wostrel | Wesley Wostrel | Kenzie Wruble

HPC Mugs - Elementary



Landon Ziemba

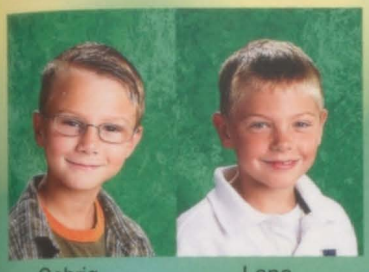
3rd Grade



Alexandria Burke | Trevor Carlstrom | Aliyah Dietz | Lyly Joy Dutcher | Ashlee Hoffman | Gordona Howell



Alexis Kalkwarf | Shaylin Kucera | Jentry Lovejoy | Tyler McNaught | Vaughn Pederson | Dylan Rieken | Cole Swanson | Caleb Swedenburg



Gehrig Urkoski | Lane Urkoski

4th Grade



Mahailla Archer | Brooke Bannister | Hunter Gress | Brennah Farley | Jakob Hogan



Kolbe Owens | Britan Smelker | Shelby Warnick | Brianna Wilshusen | Tanner Wood | Alexandra Wostrel | Delcey Yrkoski

5th Grade



Kolby Beck | Britney Drummond | Jacey Eberle | Jordan Gress | Griffin Hendricks | Hannah Hiett | Lindsi Hughes



Justice Majerus | Jarrett Parsons | Alysa Rieken | Dylan Soule | Chance Swain | Bailey Urkoski | Keaton Van Housen | Brendan Wruble

HPC Mugs - Elementary

Elementary



The Kindergarten and first grade classes presented a song for the Homecoming pep-rally in the fall.



Delcey Yrkoski having a fun day at school.



Kyleigh Farley playing at recess, the best time of the day.



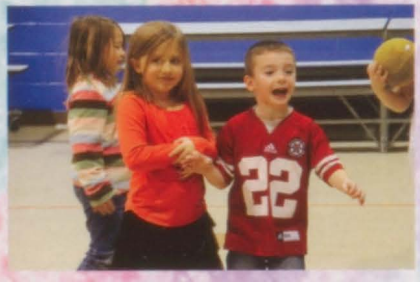
Allie Howell says "this is my ball and no one else gets it."



Bailey Urkoski takes time out for a photo during a volleyball game at recess.



Maddix Fuhrman and **Hudson Urkoski** are enjoying their milk break.



Addison Lindburg and **Hayden Helgoth** are playing fun games during recess.



Esperanza Verdugo-Zamora and **Shane Cook** glad to have their picture taken.



Mihalla Archer do her lesson on the computer.















The 4th grade class is performing their Thanksgiving Day play for their parents.



Brianna Wilshusen and **Brennah Farley** take time for a picture during recess.



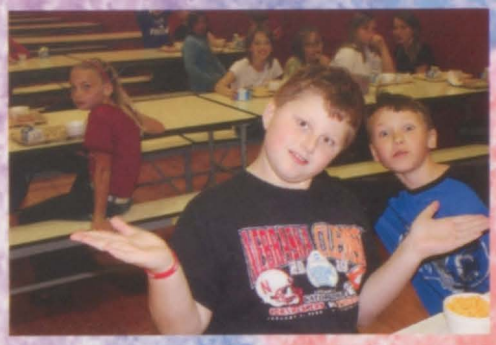
Shaylin Kucera playing in the multipurpose room at lunch.



Griffin Hendricks, Jarrett Parsons, Justice Majerus, and **Brenden Wruble** thinking "we are cool."



Jaycee Eberle, Jordan Gress, Brooke Bannister, and **Mahailla Archer** showing what friends they are.



Chance Swain and **Kolbe Owens** letting us know it's only lunch.



Brenden Wruble and **Keaton Van Housen** make a pose with their shades on.



Kolby Beck and **Shelby Warnick** outside during the day.



Kaden Rieken makes a silly face for the camera.



Mrs. Hedrick has her class watching a game.



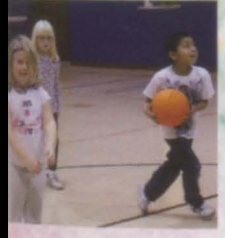
Brianna Wilshusen Brooke Bannister working on computers.



Judy Hughes and **Dorla Lindburg** visit outside a classroom.



Principal LeSuer watches students in the gym.









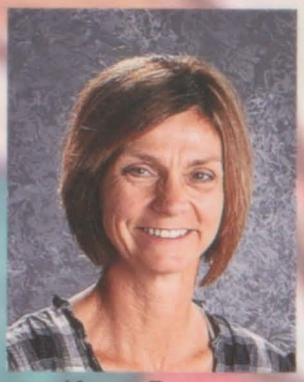




Elementary/ Middle School Staff



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Reading/English



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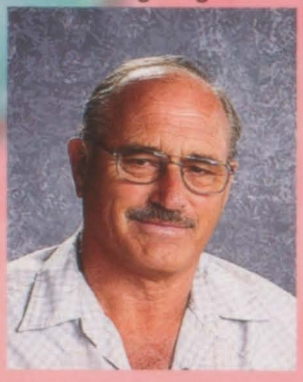
Becky Carlstrom
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Leonard DaMoude
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Angie Eberle
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Marla Glasser
Library Aide



Jeri Grey
FCS



Emily Hanson
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Laura Hedrick
Kindergarten



Breanne Helgoth
K-1 Music/Title/Lang. Arts



Julie Hendricks
Science/Business



Judi Hughes
Teacher Aide



Keith Killion
Social Studies/Art



Jeff Kyes
Math



Dianne L'Heureux
4th Grade



Kelly Lesiak
2nd Grade



Karyee LeSuer
K-3/MS Principal



Dorla Lindburg
3rd Grade



Kristi Lindburg
Title



Steve Meyer
PE/Health



Donna Parsons
Teacher Aide



Tabitha Rieken
1st Grade



Cindy Sandell
Media Specialist



Larissa Schuele
Music



Kayln Shively
MS Cook



Elizabeth Sizer
5th Grade



Dan Strecker
Counselor



Tasha Thompson-Harlow
MS Cook



Carlene Van Housen
MS Secretary



Margo Wurtz
Teacher Aide

What would a school be without its teachers and staff members? These dedicated individuals spent many hours preparing for the students they encountered everyday; from cleaning the rooms, preparing the meals, helping with homework, and teaching the curriculum. But, they wouldn't be here if they didn't enjoy every minute of it.

We did say goodbye to two individuals that have put in lots of years of service to our district. Leonard DaMoude retired in November after 19 years as a custodian at Hordville and then Polk. Dorla Lindburg decided to retire after 38 year of teaching, 36 as 3rd grade for our district. We also said farewell to Angie Eberle and Larissa Schuele who will pursue other job opportunities.

Not pictured:

Bus Drivers

Al L'Heureux
Dick Bauer
Kathy Miller
Jeff Wurtz
Denise Ziemba
Mike Howell
Cheryl Van Housen
Andy Vrkba

Teacher Aides

Megan Maw
Brooke Orozco











Remember When

Kylee - We did a rain-out for Districts when we beat undefeated Kenesaw.

Ethan - When Jabe passed the ball to Tyler at state basketball, and it slipped and smoked the backboard.

Alex - We placed fourth at state basketball.

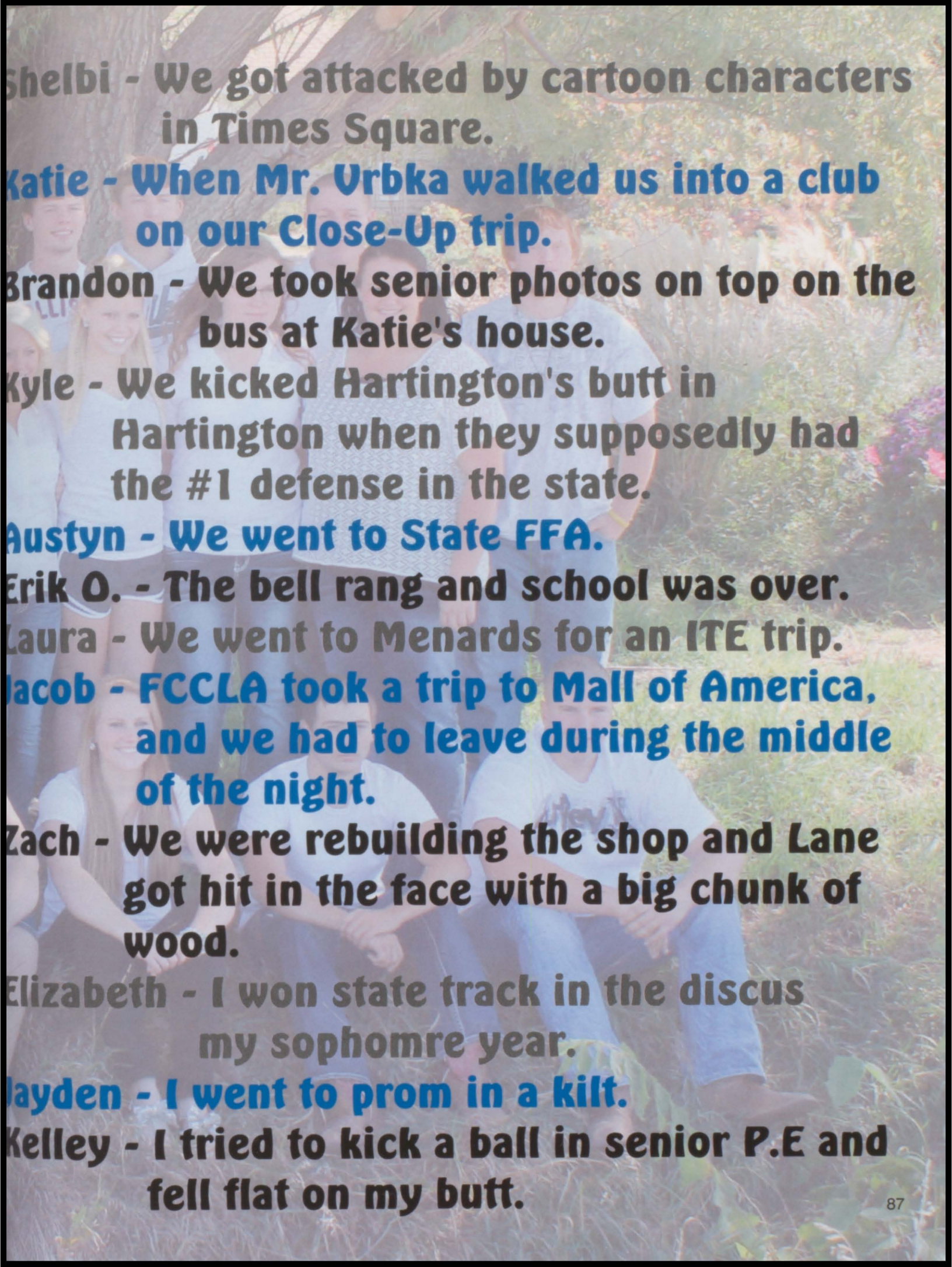
Morgan - Kelley got tackled by Logan Fleming while she was cheering on the sidelines at a football game.

Tanner - We made football playoffs, and I placed 3rd at state wrestling.

Megan - We had to run to the Osceola school building to take cover during a track meet because there was a tornado miles away.

Eric G. - We became the best football team for High Plains.

Emily - When we left Mr. Urbka at the subway station in Washington D.C.



Shelbi - We got attacked by cartoon characters in Times Square.

Katie - When Mr. Urbka walked us into a club on our Close-Up trip.

Brandon - We took senior photos on top on the bus at Katie's house.

Kyle - We kicked Hartington's butt in Hartington when they supposedly had the #1 defense in the state.

Austyn - We went to State FFA.

Erik O. - The bell rang and school was over.

Laura - We went to Menards for an ITE trip.

Jacob - FCCLA took a trip to Mall of America, and we had to leave during the middle of the night.

Zach - We were rebuilding the shop and Lane got hit in the face with a big chunk of wood.

Elizabeth - I won state track in the discus my sophomre year.

Jayden - I went to prom in a kilt.

Kelley - I tried to kick a ball in senior P.E and fell flat on my butt.


Austyn Beck


Kyle Beck


Alex Bender


Brandon Burruss


Laura Chavez


Lane Church


Zach Dietz


Shelbi Dittmer

Class of 2013

Graduation



Valedictorian
Morgan Van Housen
receives her diploma from board member, Kurt Kuhn.



Salutatorian **Emily Kuhn**
receives her award from Mr. Hudson.

Class Flower
Gerber Daisy

Class Colors
Royal Blue, Black, and Silver

Class Song
"Tattoos on this Town" by Jason Aldean

Class Sponsor
Kathryn Meade

Class Motto
"We have come a long way, but not half as far as we will go."



Ethan Fleming
says "It's signed"

Senior year is a very exciting time. As they walk into the building in August, graduation is on their mind. The thought of doing this for the last time is there in everything they do and experience during the year.

These 24 young individuals have much to be proud of when they look back at their careers at High Plains Community Schools. They have achieved much in the activities and sports they have been involved in throughout this time. As kindergartners they came together at HPC for the first time and became good friends as the years went along. They were also 9th graders, new to the high school, when each student received a computer, for the one-to-one program.

Now they will take the many lessons learned within the walls of HPC and forge their way to the 'real world', as they hear many of their teachers say. They have much to be proud of as they look back on their time spent during the last thirteen years of their life. You have formed a bond with your classmates that will forever link you together.

So, to the Class of 2013 - Good Luck and remember the times you had at HIgh Plains Community School.


Mitchell Fagan


Tanner Fate


Kylee Fischer


Megan Fitzgerald


Ethan Fleming


Eric Goertzen


Elizabeth Hayes

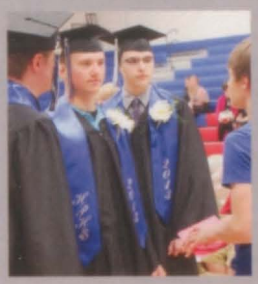

Emily Kuhn



One final group picture of the Class of 2013.



Eric Goertzen gets his flower pinned on by Ms. Meade.



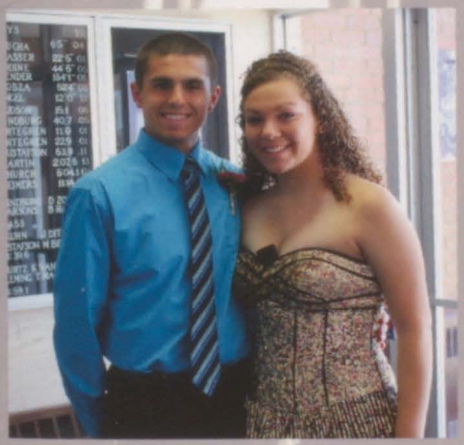








Kelley Robinson receives her diploma. She also sang a solo during the ceremony, *I'll Always Remember You* by M. Allan & J. Alexander.





Juniors selected to hand out programs were **Logan Fleming, Jami Ostberg, Logan Engel** and **Reva Graves.**



Junior Marshals were **Cale Bolton** and **Kendyl Beck.**



Dalton McWain



Sinthia Norris



Erik Ostberg



Jayden Ragan



Jacob Reyner



Kelley Robinson



Katie Van Housen



Morgan Van Housen





Mitchell James Brackhan Fagan

Mitchell, you are by far the most courageous person we know. Great achievement is usually born from great sacrifice. What you did this year showed us just how determined you are to achieve great things.

We love and respect you always,

Mom & Dad











Katie Lynn

You walk into a room and your smile lights up the room! You are such a caring and compassionate young woman, we can't wait to see where you go and spread your sunshine! Never stop trying to be the best person you can be. Be thankful everyday for the people you have in your life; and be grateful for all that you have. You have dreams. Now it's your time to start following them. We love you, Katie, and we will always be here for you.

Love, Mom, Dad and James









KELLY

Adored daughter, sassy little sister, aunt, granddaughter, niece, cousin, you were born to dazzle the world. Now's your chance to take it by Storm!

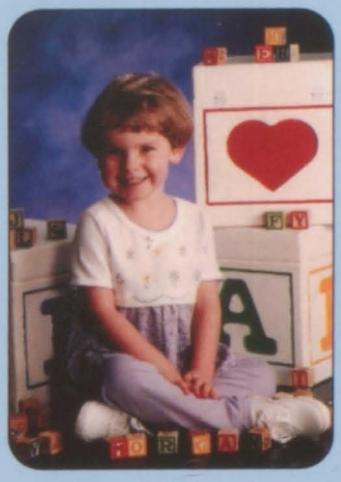
All our love - Mom, Dad, Sarah, Scott and your extended crazy family!

Morgan

It has been the joy of our life to watch you grow and become the beautiful young woman you are today. Your hard work, self-confidence, and most importantly, your faith, will take you far. Stay true to yourself and your values, and never stop believing. Know that we are always here for your!

Love you, Missy!
Dad & Mom
Kyler & Keaton







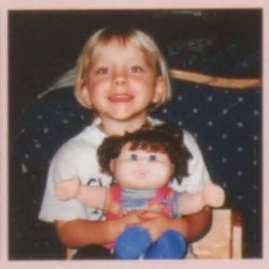
Emily,

It is so hard for us to imagine that your high school days are over. We have enjoyed every minute of watching you run around the bases in softball, playing defense on the basketball court, running at track meets and participating in the state speech contest.

We couldn't be prouder of the person you have become. You went from a reserved blue eyed little girl to an outgoing, confident, beautiful young woman. The future is wide open for a girl with your talents, personality and abilities. You can achieve anything you desire knowing that God and your family love you.

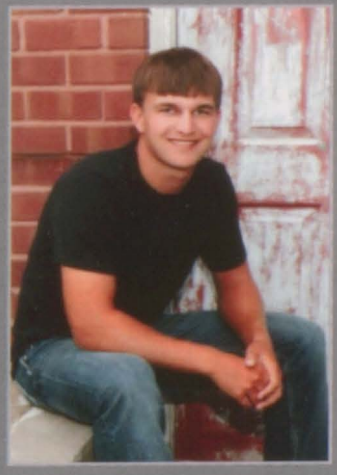
Congratulations!
Love,
Dad, Mom and "the boys"











Alex,

We are proud of the person you have become and look forward to the future that lies ahead of you. You can achieve whatever you want in life. Believe you can because we believe in you.

Love,
Dad, Mom, & Marcus



Jacob,

From a baby to a little boy to finally a man, we've watched you grow. We are all so proud of who you are and can't wait to see what else you will achieve. You have filled our hearts with love and happiness in these past 18 years. We will always be here to support you. May all your dreams come true.

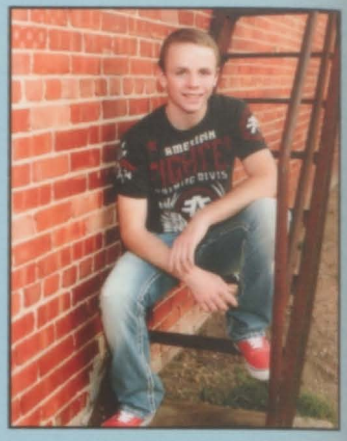
Love,

Mom, Dad, Jeremiah, and Joshua











Kyle,

It seems like just yesterday we were bringing you home from the hospital, and now here you are ready to begin the next phase of your journey. You have made our lives so much better by being in it. We could not have asked for a better son – even in our wildest dreams and most heartfelt prayers. You have exceeded anything we could have ever imagined. We know you are going to be a productive, inspiring adult. You have made us proud to be your parents and we know you will continue to make us proud.

Love,
Dad & Mom







Shelbi,

We are so proud of our blonde-haired, naturally-talented little girl who loved to dance, swim with Grandma, learn how to use a camera with Mom, and play softball with Dad and Grandpa! Over the last 18 years, your self-confidence, determination and competitive spirit has taken you a long way. Now you have become a beautiful, black-haired, lifeguarding, picture taking, young woman who can out-dance anyone. But, your main passion and what you LIVE & BREATHE is softball, it is in your blood. Boy, how we have loved to sit in the stands and watch you pitch all those games!! Now we will cheer you on in whatever you do!!

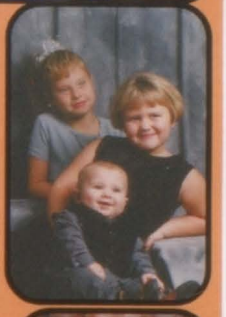
Shelbi, you have only just begun your journey,
have faith that things will work out...maybe not
how you planned, but how they're meant to be.
Don't ever stop smiling!!

Love you always,
Mom, Dad, Tiena, & Bo



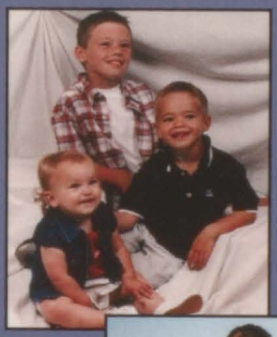


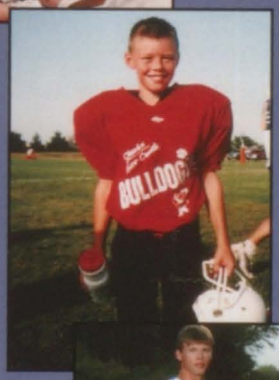






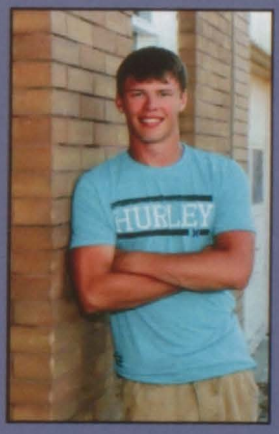







Tanner,



Words cannot express how unbelievably proud we are of you! You have grown from a shy young boy into a strong, respectful young man. So excited to see what the next chapter has in store for you!

All of our love-
Mom, Dad,
Tyson and Sydney

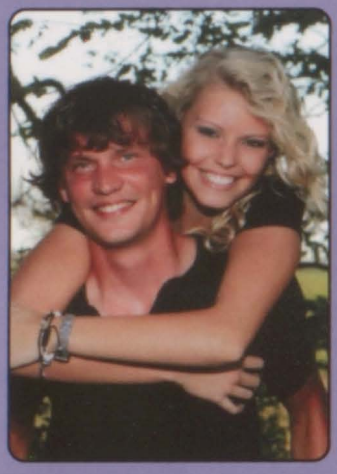
"Don't ever let someone tell you that you can't do something. Not even me. You got a dream, you gotta protect it. When people can't do something themselves, they're gonna tell you that you can't do it. You want something, you go get it." -Will Smith

Meg,

You are such a kind and beautiful person. We love your strong personality and will forever be proud of who you are. Live your dreams... you will always have our love and support!

Love you ...
Mom, Dad & Josh







Congratulations Kylee!!

It has been our pleasure and a blessing to watch you grow up and take on the world in your unique, loving and determined way!! A parent could not be more proud of their child as we are of YOU! Shoot for the moon Kylee and enjoy the ride! We are confident that you will be amazing in whatever path you take. We love you very much! From your family -
Mom, Dad, Anna, Carter and Blake







Ethan,

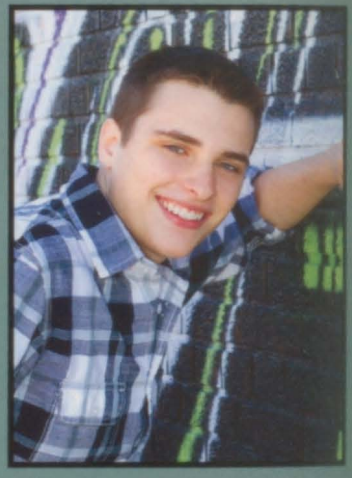
You have always filled our lives with a lot of laughter, joy and Love. Life wasn't always fair concerning your health, but you dealt with it like a champ! We are so proud of all your accomplishments in life so far.

Son, your journey has just begun. Wishing you much happiness and success in the future, God Bless You!
You will always be our Little man, E. J.

Love
your Father and Mother







Erik Ostberg

Dear Erik,
It's been a long road for you, going to a smaller school and entering a totally different environment for your high school years. It has been trying but you have succeeded. We are proud of your accomplishments in school and maturity. Now you are ready to point yourself towards your life's goal. We know you will be successful and we will be behind you, rooting for you and giving wisdom to you as you travel life's highway. One thing we ask, look towards God for each direction you should turn. Let that be the center of your success.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Time passed by so fast! My little girl has turned into a fine young woman. Your father and I are proud of you. You have been a great example for your younger sisters. You are a very brave and hard-working woman with feet firmly on the ground, standing for your goals.

God bless you, and may you reach all your goals. And whichever path you may choose, we wish it to be the best.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and your sisters






Laura



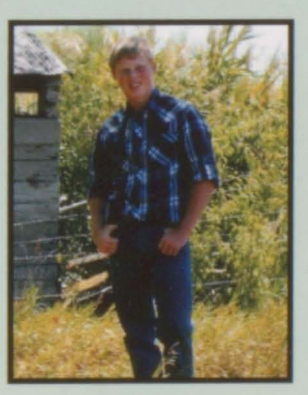
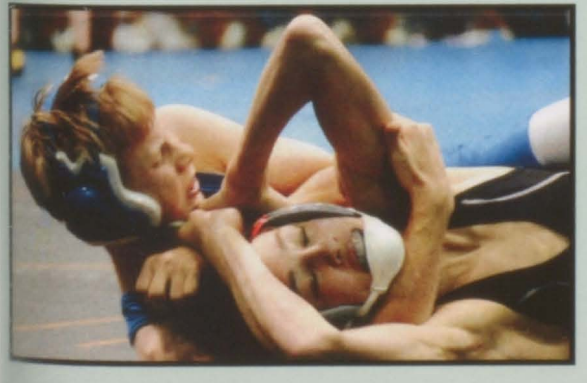


Brandon,

Words cannot express how proud we are of you and your accomplishments. What a blessing it has been to watch you become the amazing young man you are. You have given us many laughs, joys, and tears. May you reach all your goals and dreams. The past 18 years have gone by so fast, and the future is yours to make the most of it.

Love,
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Brandon

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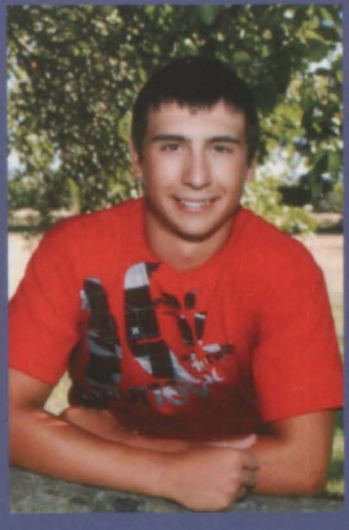
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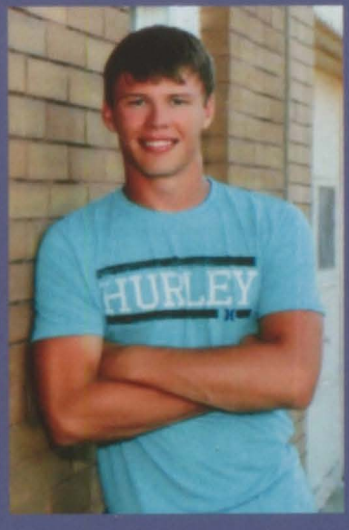
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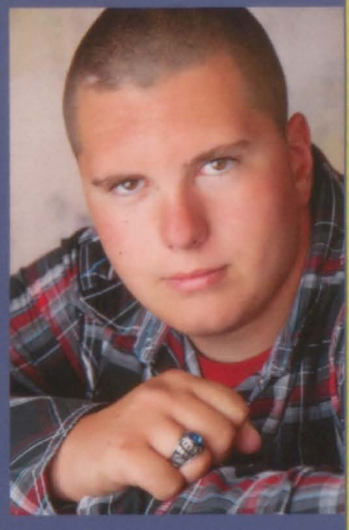


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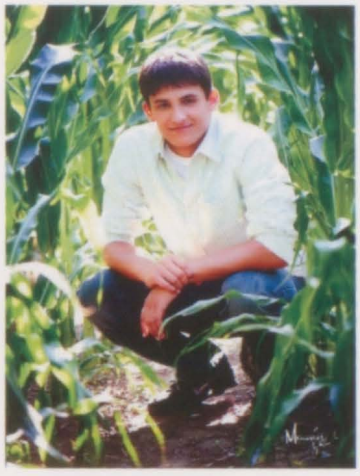
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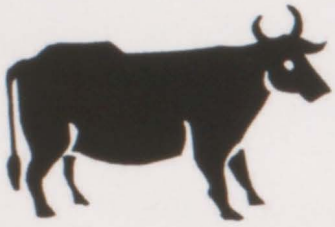
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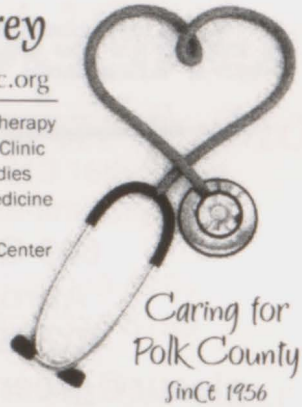
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Jostens printed the book. It was produced on the computer using Jostens Yearbook Avenue web-site. This is the fourth year working on-line to compile the contents of our book. A variety of layout styles were used throughout the book. The font used was Helvetica for the body and caption copy, headlines were a variety of fonts.

A World Beat section was placed in the back of the book to have a record of the national events that took place during the year. The cost of the book was $30 and $35 to personalize. For late orders, after June 1st, the cost was $35.

Pictures used were taken by the yearbook staff, interested students, faculty members, and parents. We would especially like to thank Shelbi and Roxanne Dittmer for their picture contributions. Digital pictures were used or photos were scanned and then placed. The underclassmen school photos were taken by Lifetouch. Senior portraits were taken by a variety of photography studios in the area.

We would like to thank all the students, faculty, administrators, parents, and businesses for their cooperation for allowing photos to be taken of them throughout the year and for purchasing this yearbook and/or ads. Your support of the school is greatly appreciated. We hope you enjoyed what you found between the cover of this book, and that you found that "You Can't Judge A Book By It's Cover".

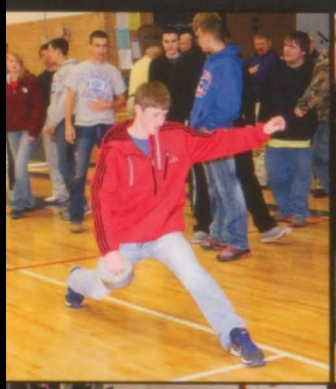


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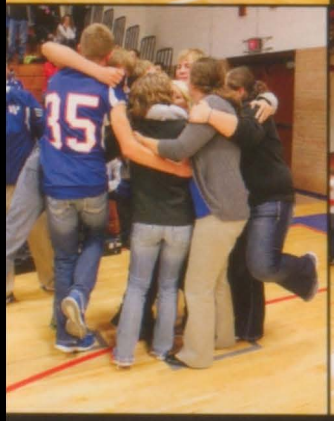
What a year it has been for High Plains Community High School. Mr. Hudson started off the year with the annual talk to the student body on the first day. "We Are High Plains" was the theme he chose for the year. He instituted 'duck tape' challenges, teamwork being the goal. The student body was divided into eight teams and then when we had an assembly, each team was challenged with an activity using duck tape in someway. School spirit was raised and a sense of community and teamwork was formed making each person count.

We also had a great year in the activities department. The football team playing in the playoffs. The boys basketball team won the district finals to advance to state.The wrestling team competed at the first state duals and six wrestled at state. The track teams set new records and advanced four events to state. The digital media class again produced on-line shows and demonstrated at the state school board conference and the art department had many winners at various art shows.

And then to finish off this teamwork goal. HPC again won the Sportsmanship Award at the state basketball tournament. The school pride and support that our students showed at one game, proved that our school is great. The students support all our teams and activities, they encourage and help one another in the classroom and at events. Ask anyone connected to Clarks, Hordville or Polk and they will tell you, High Plains Community is the place to be.





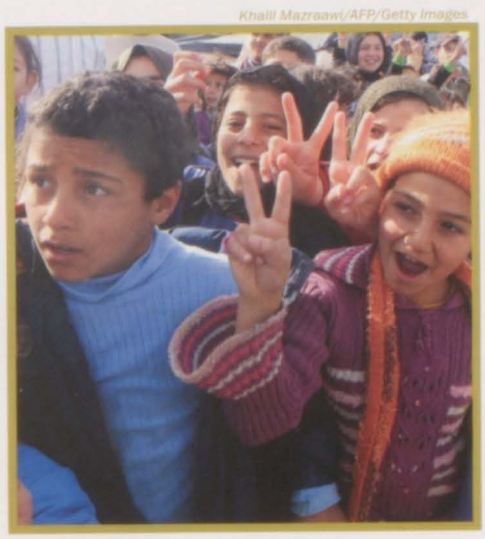




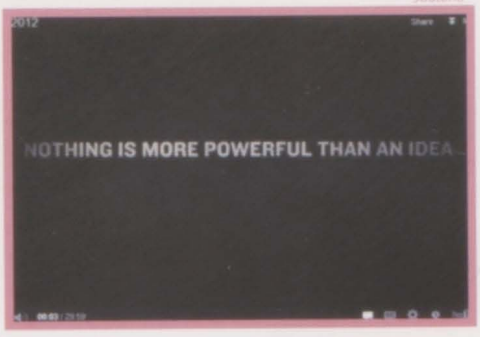





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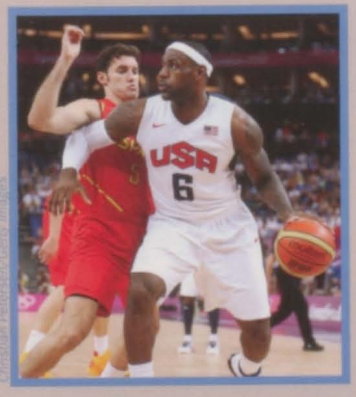

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North Korea Launches Rocket ▸

The world is uneasy as North Korea launches a rocket that may have put a satellite into orbit around the Earth.



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▲ Women Senators Now Number 20

The U.S. Senate achieves a new record: 20 female senators in office, 16 Democrats and four Republicans. The new total beats the previous record by four.



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▲ BP Agrees to Settlement

Shortly before the second anniversary of the 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, BP reaches a settlement with thousands of businesses and individuals hurt by the spill.



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▲ Terrified Theatergoers

In Aurora, CO, actor Christian Bale and his wife Sandra Blazic visit the memorial that was created for the victims of the mass shooting that occurred during a midnight screening of *The Dark Knight Rises*.



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▲ Felix Baumgartner Takes a Leap

Skydiver Felix Baumgartner breaks a world record by jumping from a space capsule almost 24 miles above ground.

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▲ Hurricane Sandy Hits New York

Hurricane Sandy hits New York, flooding transit tunnels and prompting President Obama to sign an emergency declaration for the entire state.

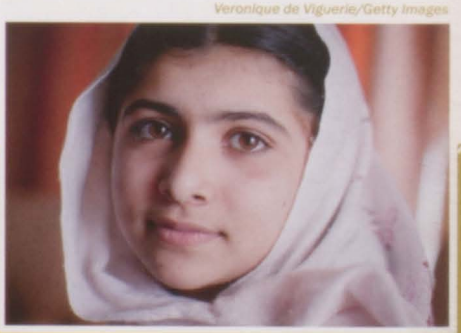
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▲ New Jersey Battles Hurricane Sandy

The Jersey Shore copes with widespread flooding, power outages and property damage resulting from Hurricane Sandy.

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▲ Malala Is Teenager of the Year

Malala Yousafzai, the 15-year-old Pakistani schoolgirl shot by the Taliban because she campaigned for the education of girls, is named Teenager of the Year by *The Muslim Times*.



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Mortgage Sweet Mortgage

Homebuyers benefit from favorable lending rates as the slow economy keeps home mortgage interest rates as low as 2.94 percent.



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Benghazi Attack Kills Ambassador

Armed attackers kill Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens and six other Americans at the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya.



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Chicago Teachers Strike

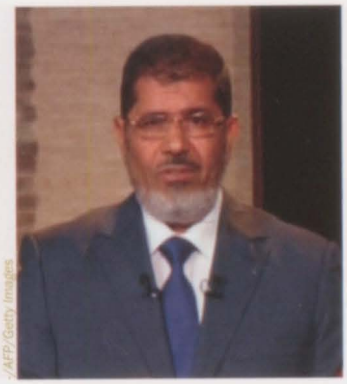
After the Chicago Teachers Union fails to reach an agreement with the city, more than 26,000 teachers and staff walk off the job.



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Congress Teeters on Fiscal Cliff

To postpone $109 billion in federal budget cuts, Congress passes a compromise bill that raises taxes on the nation's wealthiest.



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Morsi Becomes Egypt's President

Egypt holds a democratic presidential election, and conservative Muslim candidate Mohamed Morsi is declared the winner.



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Dragon Capsule Concludes Mission

With the safe return of the SpaceX Dragon capsule, NASA successfully completes its first commercial supply mission to the International Space Station.

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Sandy Hook Elementary Students Return to Class

Three weeks after the Sandy Hook tragedy, classes are relocated to the former Chalk Hill Middle School in nearby Monroe, CT. "Our collective strength and resilience will serve as an example to the rest of the world," tweeted the principal from Newtown High School.

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Junk Food Junkies Mourn Twinkies

The troubled Hostess Brands, Inc. shuts down operations, signaling a probable end for the once-popular Twinkies snack cake.

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UN Aid for Syrian Refugees

The United Nations launches a $1.5 billion aid effort to bring food, clothing, shelter and medical supplies to Syrians fleeing more than two years of war.

Election



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Vice Presidential Candidates Debate

Vice President Joe Biden and Republican vice presidential candidate Paul Ryan debate a wide range of issues in Danville, KY.



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First Family Appears at DNC

President Barack Obama accepts his party's nomination and addresses the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, NC.



Election Map Shows Key State Wins

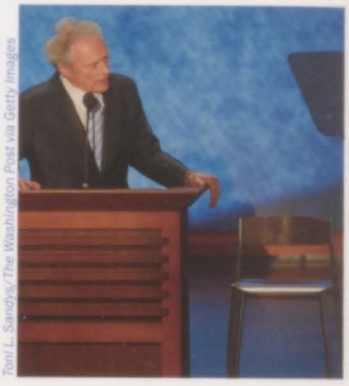
With a total of 332 electoral votes, Barack Obama easily exceeds the 270 electoral votes he needs to win the 2012 presidential election.



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Obama and Romney Debate

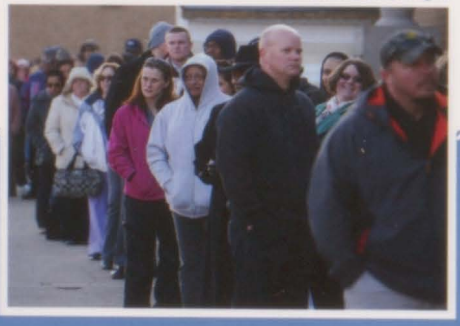
President Obama faces his challenger, former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, in a debate about domestic policy at the University of Denver in Denver, CO.



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Clint Eastwood Acts at RNC

Onstage at the Republican National Convention in Tampa, FL, Clint Eastwood pretends that the empty chair beside him is President Obama.



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Voters Face Lines at Polls

Voters in the 2012 election faced long lines at the polls across the country, especially in key battleground states such as Virginia, Ohio and Florida.



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Obama Claims Victory

Despite high unemployment and a slow economic recovery, President Barack Obama wins a second term in the White House.



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Nation's Capital Celebrates Inauguration

In Washington, D.C., President Obama is sworn in for his second term at a public ceremony marking the nation's 57th presidential inauguration.

Olympics

U.S. Women Win Soccer Gold ▸

Thanks to two goals by midfielder Carli Lloyd and a critical save by goalie Hope Solo, the U.S. women's soccer team defeats Japan for the gold.



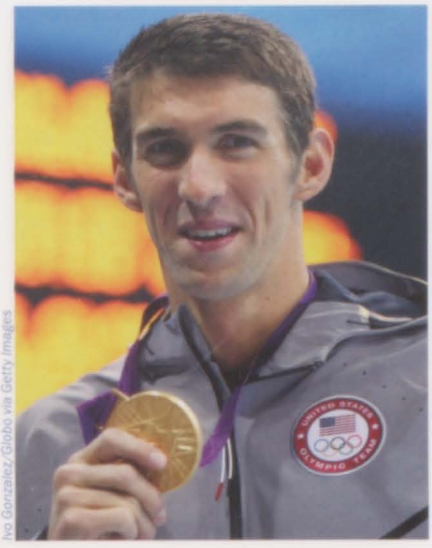
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Missy Franklin Swims to Victory ▸

After winning four gold medals and one bronze at the Summer Games, swimmer Missy Franklin still plans to swim for her high school in Aurora, CO.



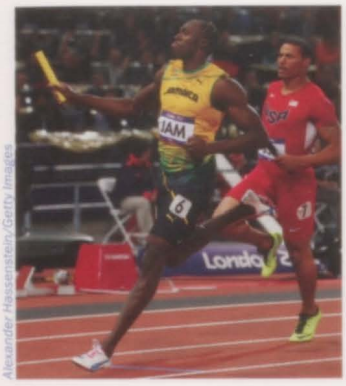
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◂ Michael Phelps Pools His Winnings

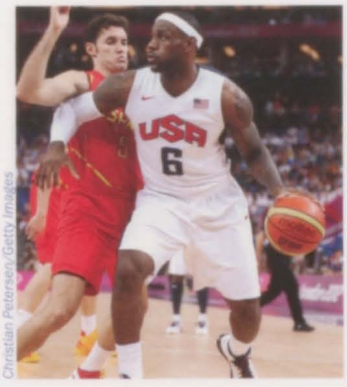
Michael Phelps swims to his 18th gold medal and his 22nd medal in total, making him the most decorated Olympic athlete in history.



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▲ Usain Bolt Sets Record

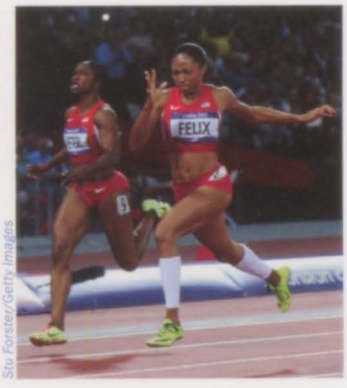
Jamaican Usain Bolt wins the 100-meter event in 9.63 seconds, setting a new Olympic record and cementing his reputation as the fastest man on Earth.



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▲ U.S. Defends Men's Basketball Title

The U.S. men's basketball team, led by NBA star LeBron James, defends their Olympic gold title by defeating Spain 107-100.



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▲ Allyson Felix Runs for Gold

Sprinter Allyson Felix wins the Women's 200-meter final. It is one of three gold medals she takes home from the Summer Games.



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▲ Oscar Pistorius Wins on Artificial Legs

South African sprinter Oscar Pistorius is the first double-leg amputee to compete in the Olympics. He took home two gold medals and a silver.

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▲ Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh Jennings Are Golden

The U.S. beach volleyball team of Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Wash Jennings win their third consecutive gold medal.

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▲ Paralympic Games Welcome More Athletes

For the first time in 12 years, people with intellectual challenges are invited to compete at the Paralympic Games for physical and intellectual disabilities.

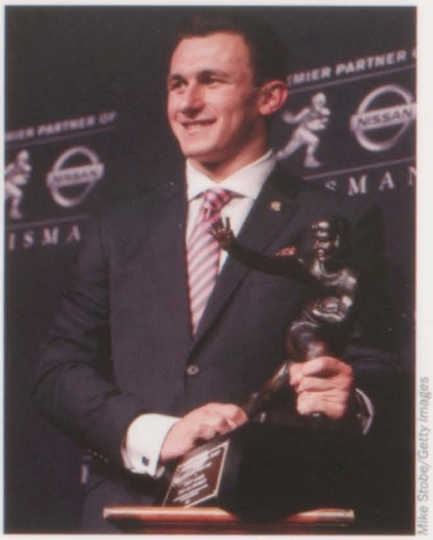
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▲ Fab Five Grab Gymnastics Gold

The "Fab Five" (also known as the "Fierce Five") of the U.S. women's gymnastics team win the gold for the women's team competition.

Sports



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Freshman Wins Heisman ▸

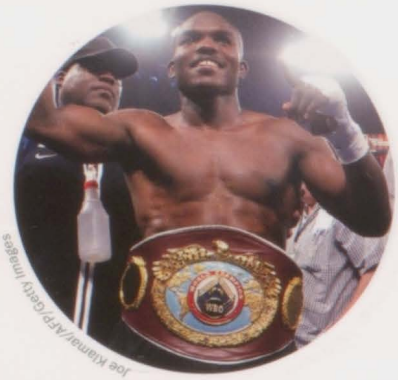
On the 40-year anniversary of freshman eligibility, the Heisman Trophy goes to the first freshman in its history, Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel.



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▲ NHL Lockout Shortens Season

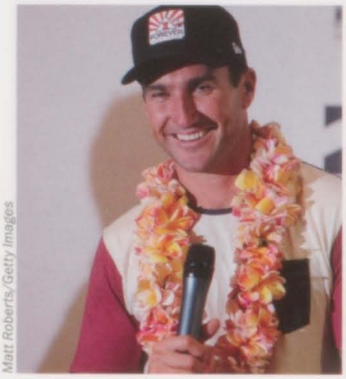
After a 113-day lockout, the National Hockey League reaches an agreement with the players' association, resulting in a compressed season.



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▲ Timothy Bradley Unseats Pacquiao

A hotly debated, split-decision victory for U.S. welterweight Timothy Bradley ends the 15-fight winning streak of Filipino boxer Manny Pacquiao.



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▲ Australian Surfs to Victory

Joel "Parko" Parkinson wins his first Association of Surfing Professionals world championship title and the Pipeline Masters on the same day.



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▲ Williams Is Named ITF World Champion

For the third time, Serena Williams earns the World Champion women's prize from the International Tennis Federation.



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▲ Golfer Rory McIlroy Wins World Title

Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy is the world's No. 1 golfer after winning the Deutsche Bank Championship and the BMW Championship.

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▲ L.A. Kings Play It Cool

In game six of the 2012 Stanley Cup Finals, the Los Angeles Kings skate to victory, defeating the New Jersey Devils 6-1.

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▲ Keselowski Wins NASCAR Championship

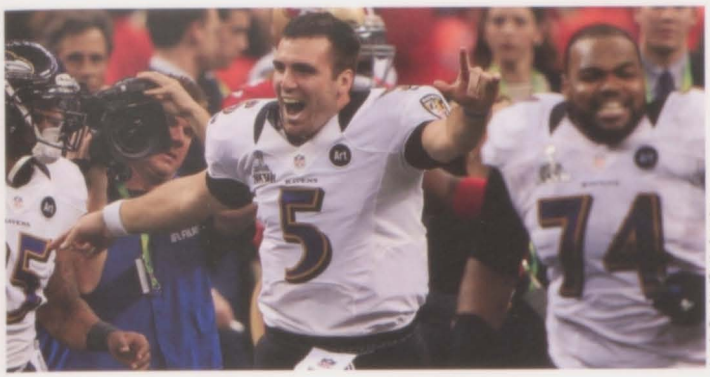
Despite finishing in 15th place in the Ford EcoBoost 400, Brad Keselowski claims the NASCAR Sprint Cup championship.

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▲ The Miami Heat Burn Up the Court

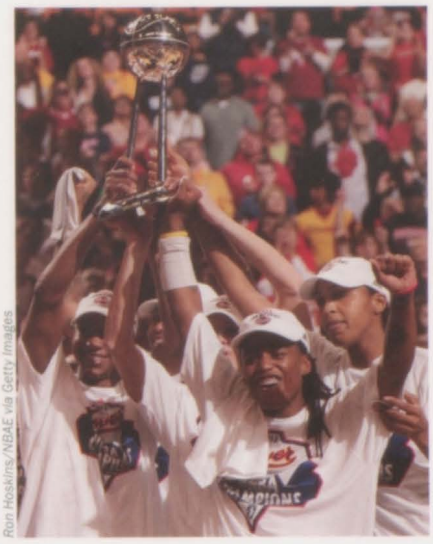
In game five of the 2012 NBA Finals, LeBron James and the Miami Heat defeat the Oklahoma City Thunder 121-106.



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Baltimore Ravens Win Super Bowl XLVII

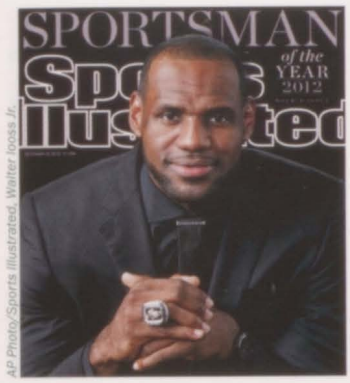
In a dramatic game interrupted by a power outage at the Superdome in New Orleans, the Ravens defeat the San Francisco 49ers 34-31.



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Indiana Fever Jinx the Lynx

The Indiana Fever defeat the defending champion Minnesota Lynx 87-78 in game four of the 2012 WNBA Finals.



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LeBron Scores Another Award

Sports Illustrated names basketball superstar LeBron James of the Miami Heat their Sportsman of the Year for 2012.



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Garrett Reynolds Rolls to Rule

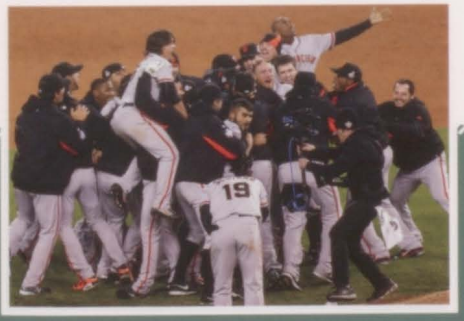
In San Francisco, cyclist Garrett Reynolds takes home two Dew Cup championships for the BMX Street Cycle finals and the BMX Streetstyle competition.



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Stacy Lewis Is Queen of the Greens

U.S. professional golfer Stacy Lewis wins four LPGA titles, the most on the year's tour, and is named the LPGA Player of the Year.



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World Series

The San Francisco Giants defeat the Detroit Tigers 4-3 in the 10th inning of game four to win the World Series in a sweep.



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Paul Rodriguez Beats the Street

Paul Rodriguez (aka P-Rod) captures the gold in the Men's Skateboard Street final at X Games 18 in Los Angeles.



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Andy Murray Serves Up a Winner

After losing four major finals, Scotland's Andy Murray wins the U.S. Open Men's Singles Championship by defeating defending champion Novak Djokovic.

Music



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Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert Win Awards ▸

At the 46th annual CMA awards, married couple Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert take home the year's highest honors in country music.



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▲ fun. Releases Second Single

After the success of last year's "We Are Young," fun. has high hopes for its latest single, "Some Nights."



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▲ AMA Calls Carly

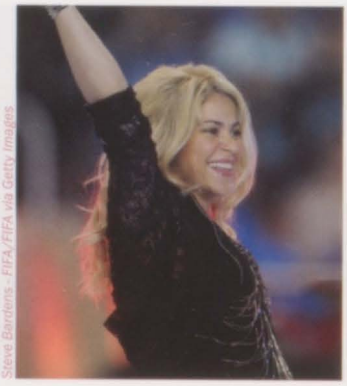
Carly Rae, whose song "Call Me Maybe" is a surprise hit, is named New Artist of the Year by the American Music Awards.



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▲ Ocean Considers Fiction

Breakout music star Frank Ocean tells an interviewer that he might write a novel because he enjoys the storytelling aspect of music.



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▲ Shakira Wins AMA Award

Colombia's global pop star Shakira wins her fourth AMA statuette, bringing home the award for Favorite Latin Artist.



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▲ PSY Is Most Watched

With more than 854 million hits, the viral video of "Gangnam Style" by Korean pop star PSY becomes the most-watched YouTube video of all time.

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▲ Two Grammy Nominations Go to Newcomers

The Lumineers, a folk-rock band from Denver, receive Grammy nominations for Best New Artist and Best Americana Album.

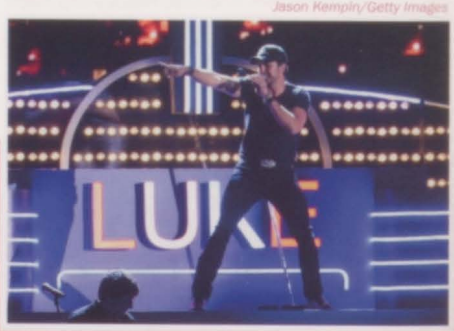
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▲ Pop Fans Love One Direction

After appearing at the Summer Olympics, the popular English-Irish boy band One Direction releases its second album, *Take Me Home*.

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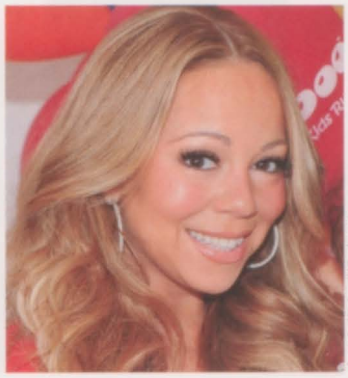


▲ Bryan Emerges as Rising Country Star

Singer-songwriter Luke Bryan's singles, like "Kiss Tomorrow Goodbye," are climbing the pop and country charts.



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▲ It's Nicki Versus Mariah in "Idol" Feud

Dueling American Idol judges Nicki Minaj and Mariah Carey swap insults and threats on camera and via Twitter.



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◂ Taylor Swift Achieves a Record

With the release of *Red*, her fourth studio album, Taylor Swift is the first female artist to release two albums with sales of $1 million.



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▲ TobyMac Inspires AMA

The American Music Awards choose TobyMac as the year's Favorite Contemporary/Inspirational Artist.



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▲ Pink Enjoys a Career First

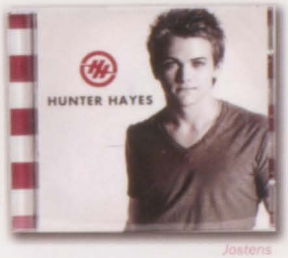
After 12 years in the music business, Pink finally achieves a No. 1 album with the success of her newest release, *The Truth About Love*.



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▲ Rapper Supports Veterans

Flo Rida contributes his talents to the "Got Your Six" campaign, which helps combat veterans return to civilian life.



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▲ CMA Celebrates Hayes

At age 21, Louisiana native and multi-instrumentalist country star Hunter Hayes is named Best New Artist at the CMA Awards.

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▲ Bieber Makes Headlines at AMA

Justin Bieber duets with Nicki Minaj, brings his mom up on stage and gets a kiss from Jenny McCarthy at the American Music Awards.

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▲ NEEDTOBREATHE Wins Dove Award

The South Carolina Christian music band NEEDTOBREATHE wins the Dove Award for Group of the Year.

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▲ Viewers Sing Cassadee's Praises

Los Angeles-based solo artist Cassadee Pope garners the most viewer votes and becomes the first female winner of *The Voice*.

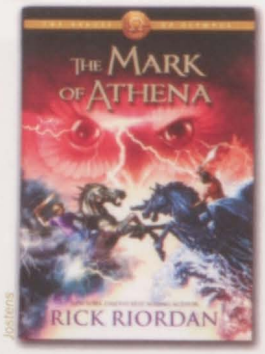
Entertainment

iPad Mini™ Debuts ▸

Shortly before the holiday shopping season begins, Apple launches the iPad mini, a small tablet computer.



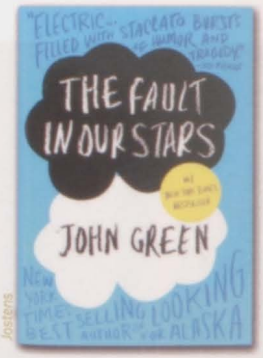
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▲Readers Hail Return of Teen Demigods

Novelist Rick Riordan publishes *The Mark of Athena*, the third book in his popular series, *The Heroes of Olympus*.



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▲Teen with Cancer Narrates Novel

The Fault in Our Stars is a fiction bestseller about a romance between teens who meet in a cancer support group.



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▲Electronic Gamers Cheer FIFA Soccer 13

The latest version of the popular game allows players to analyze plays and create new offensive opportunities.



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▲Nintendo Opens Virtual Theme Park

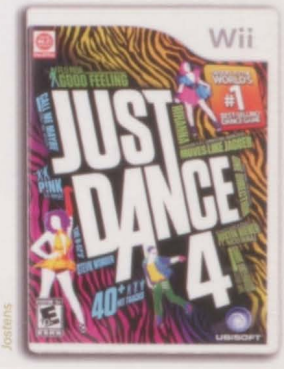
Gamers and their Mii™ characters explore NintendoLand, a virtual theme park featuring attractions based on Nintendo game worlds.



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▲Boom Cube Turns Up the Volume

The powerful, miniature Boom Cube™ speaker hangs from a keychain and sets your MP3 tunes free from your earbuds.



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▲Jump Up and Just Dance 4

Just Dance® 4 is the latest version of the chart-topping dance game, featuring new songs, new workouts and six rounds of dance-off battles.

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▲Gamers Welcome Wii U™

Nintendo releases its new Wii U game console, which features high-definition graphics, an embedded touchscreen and up to 32 GB of Flash storage.

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▲Consumers Consider New High-Resolution MacBook®

Apple's 13-inch MacBook Pro® with Retina display features a stunning, high-resolution screen and an equally stunning $1,700 price tag.

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▲Furby™ Talks Back

The fuzzy Furby toy returns, with sophisticated technology that allows this chatty, lovable toy to learn to tell jokes and play games.

Television



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Teens Discover Their True Identities

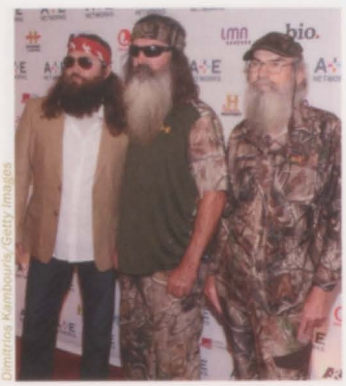
Switched at Birth is a popular television drama on ABC Family about two girls, one rich and one poor, who learn they were switched as infants.



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New Girl Comes Back for More

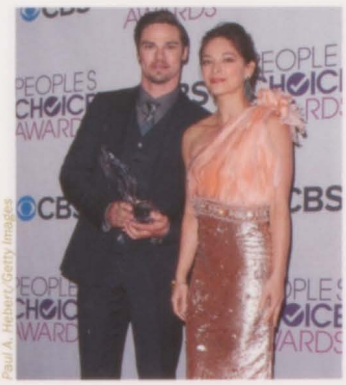
Jess (Zooey Deschanel), Nick, Schmidt, Winston and Cece return for a second season of *New Girl* on FOX.



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Viewers Flock to Rags-to-Riches Reality Show

Duck Dynasty on A&E introduces the eccentric Robertson clan, which made its millions by making and selling duck calls.



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Beastly Drama Is People's Choice

Beauty & The Beast, a drama about a homicide detective with a puzzling and tragic past, wins the People's Choice award for Best New TV Drama.



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Learning Step by Step

A former ballerina turned Las Vegas showgirl must start a new life as a small town dance teacher in *Bunheads* on ABC Family.



AP photo/Joan Barenore

Honey Boo Boo Makes the Most Fascinating List

Seven-year-old reality star Alana Thompson, better known as "Honey Boo Boo," makes Barbara Walters' list of the year's most fascinating people.

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Bigfoot Remains at Large

Finding Bigfoot is a reality program that follows investigators as they search the wilderness for evidence that Bigfoot is real.

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An Eccentric English Sleuth Comes to New York

Jonny Lee Miller's Sherlock solves cases in New York, with help from Lucy Liu's Dr. Joan Watson in *Elementary*, a new CBS drama.

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American Audiences Love English Costume Drama

The eagerly awaited third season of *Downton Abbey* on PBS features a guest appearance by Shirley MacLaine as a wealthy American mother-in-law.

Movies



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The People Choose Jennifer Lawrence ▸

Jennifer Lawrence, star of *The Hunger Games* series and *Silver Linings Playbook*, wins the Favorite Movie Actress award in the People's Choice Awards.



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▲ James Stars in Here Comes the Boom

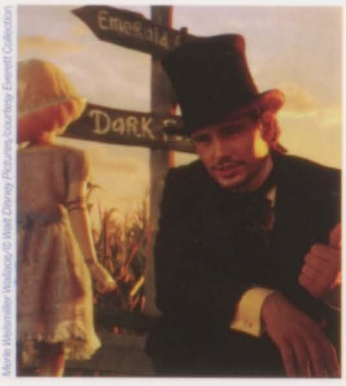
Kevin James stars as a burned-out biology teacher turned mixed martial arts hero in the feature film *Here Comes the Boom*.



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▲ Downey Dons Hero Suit a Third Time

Robert Downey Jr. returns as Tony Stark to face new enemies and overcome new challenges in *Iron Man 3*.



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▲ A Wizard Finds His Way

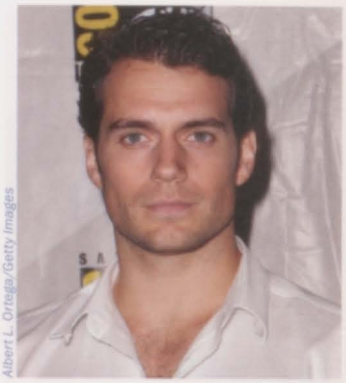
In *Oz: The Great and Powerful*, James Franco stars as a small-time magician who is transported to the Land of Oz.



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▲ Caveman Family Discovers the World

Ryan Reynolds and Emma Stone lend their voices to *The Croods*, a 3D computer-animated comedy adventure about the world's first family.



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▲ How Superman Began

Henry Cavill stars as Clark Kent, a journalist who is baffled by his superhuman powers. He finds his life's purpose when evil invaders attack the world in *Man of Steel*.

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▲ Bond Breaks a Record

Skyfall, starring Daniel Craig as Agent 007, makes $87.8 million in its first weekend, the most successful opening of any Bond film.

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▲ Heroes Unite in Rise of the Guardians

Fans of fantasy flicks head to the theaters for *Rise of the Guardians*, a 3D animated film from DreamWorks Animation based on the popular book series.

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▲ Grandparents Need Guidance

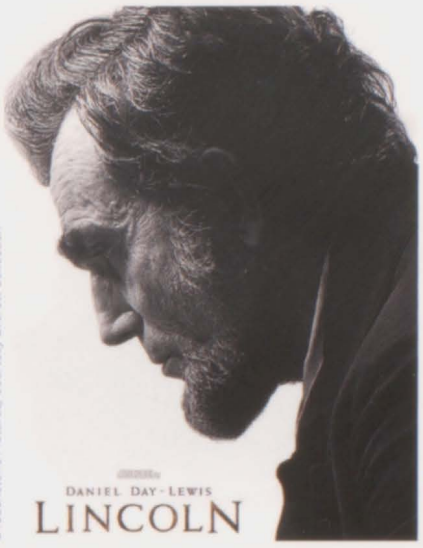
Bette Midler and Billy Crystal star as traditional grandparents who are baffled by their grandkids in *Parental Guidance*.



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Wallflower Blooms on Big Screen

The Perks of Being a Wallflower, adapted from the book of the same title, tells the story of a shy high school freshman and his quirky friends.



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A President Earns His Place in History

Lincoln, a historical drama based on an award-winning biography, depicts the last four months of the legendary president's life.



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Breaking Dawn Breaks Box Office Records

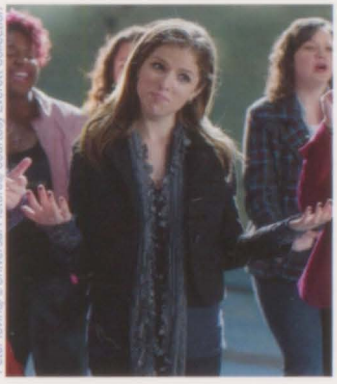
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part 2, the finale to the vampire romance series, is No. 1 at the box office for three weeks in a row.



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Downey Is a Fan Favorite

Voters for the People's Choice Awards choose *Iron Man* star Robert Downey, Jr. as the year's Favorite Movie Actor.



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College Singers Perfect Their Pitch

In *Pitch Perfect*, Anna Kendrick stars as a college student who inspires a mismatched a cappella singing group to achieve hilarity and harmony.



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Soundtrack Album Tops Charts

The movie soundtrack for *Les Misérables*, featuring performances by Anne Hathaway and Amanda Seyfried, reaches the No. 1 spot on the Billboard 200 chart.



Jeff Kravitz/FilmMagic

Fans Root for Wreck-It Ralph

In the animated feature film *Wreck-It Ralph*, an arcade game character wants to be a hero instead of a bad guy, but his well-intentioned plans go haywire.



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It's a Wonderful Life of Pi

Nineteen-year-old Suraj Sharma stars in the movie adaptation of *Life of Pi*, about a teenager and a Bengal tiger who survive a shipwreck.



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Bilbo Baggins Journeys to Theaters

The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey is the first of three films adapted from J.R.R. Tolkien's novel about a reluctant adventurer in Middle Earth.

Trends



Minis Are Major ▸

Little dresses and short skirts go over jeans and leggings by day. At night, they go solo for dances and dates.



▲ LED Headlights Turn Heads

Drivers who love making their cars stand out on the street add LED headlight strips to create colorful, futuristic effects.



▲ "YOLO" Is Favorite Catchphrase

Rapper Drake and actor Zac Ephron popularize YOLO, an acronym standing for "you only live once." *Time* magazine names it one of the year's top buzzwords.



▲ Cowboy Boots Are Cool Again

Western style makes a comeback on runways and campuses. Classic cowboy boots are paired with short skirts or cropped pants.



▲ Trends Point to Nail Art

Adhesive nail-art kits make outrageous manicures easy and affordable. Options include animal patterns, stripes, polka dots, images and more.



▲ Color Sneaks onto Sneakers

Basic footwear takes a back seat as brightly colored and patterned high-tops and athletic shoes emerge as must-have accessories for school and weekend style.



▲ Tees Get the Message Out

The graphic tee trend becomes a personal expression obsession. Shirts feature favorite lyrics, Internet memes, irreverent graphics and witty jokes.



▲ Taco Bell Considers More Doritos® Dishes

After the success of Taco Bell's Doritos Locos Taco, the fast food chain drops hints that a new Cool Ranch version is coming next.



▲ Infinity Scarf Is Endless Trend

The must-have neckwear accessory is the circular infinity scarf, which loops around the neck to add color, texture and warmth.



Baseball Caps Are Tops with Girls

The flat-brim baseball cap trend is popularized by celebrities like Rihanna. The casual style is perfect for hiding from the paparazzi.



Backpacks Are Global Chic

Boring backpacks take a back seat to colorful patterns inspired by traditional graphic motifs from around the world.



Hoodies Are Hot

For every guy, there's a hoodie: athletic hoodies for jocks, rock band hoodies for fans and humorous hoodies for class clowns.



It's a Plaid, Plaid World

Fashionistas go mad for plaid. The trend starts on designer runways and quickly makes its way to fashion outlets in malls and online.



Duct Tape Inspires Creative Types

Crafty tweens and teens use tough, colorful duct tape to make purses, wallets, decorations, jewelry, fashion accessories and even formal wear.

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Adults Find Expression Annoying

Teens use "Just sayin'" to minimize an expression of criticism or sarcasm. The phrase ranks highly on a Marist Poll surveying the most irritating words and phrases.



Footwear Moonlights as Basketball Coach

Sensors in the soles of Nike+ Basketball shoes track the wearer's every move and sync stats to the player's iPhone.



Jeans Are Anything but Blue

Traditional blues are timeless classics but the newest skinny denims feature bold colors, feminine prints and modern patterns.



Glitter Gets a Foot in Fashion's Door

The trend for "glitter shoes," featuring sequins and sparkles, includes glue-it-yourself sneakers, sky-high designer platforms and everything in between.

Lifestyle



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Instagram Is Tops with Teens ▸

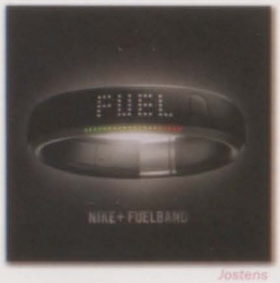
Facebook snaps up Instagram and its 80 million users. The social media site clicks with teens, ranking as the top photography destination among ages 12 to 17.



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▲ MoviePass™ Sends Fans Back to Theaters

MoviePass gives film lovers the chance to save money by seeing up to one movie per day in theaters for one low monthly fee.



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▲ Nike Motivates with Fuelband

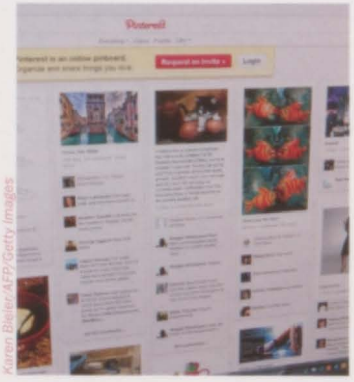
Nike has launched a new tool called Nike+ Fuelband™. This technology tool lets users know how active they are and reminds them to achieve their fitness goals.



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▲ Pop Is Personal with New Coke Machine

The Freestyle Coke machine lets customers mix their own flavor combinations from more than 100 choices.



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▲ Pinterest Attracts Interest

Pinterest is a social media phenomenon. Users "pin" images and share virtual bulletin boards about fashion, food, travel and sports.

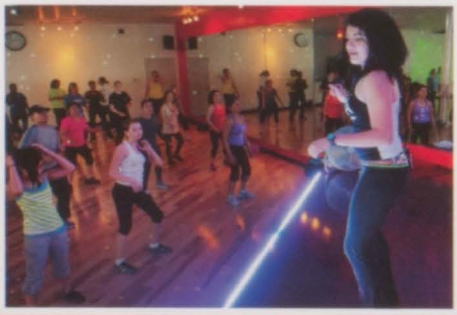


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▲ Apple iPhone 5 Sees Record-breaking Sales

The Apple® iPhone® 5 sells more than five million units in its first three days, setting a new record for opening weekend sales.

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▲ Zumba® Is the Trendy Fitness Class

The Latin-inspired dance-fitness classes known as Zumba deliver hot music, cool moves, serious fitness and tons of fun.

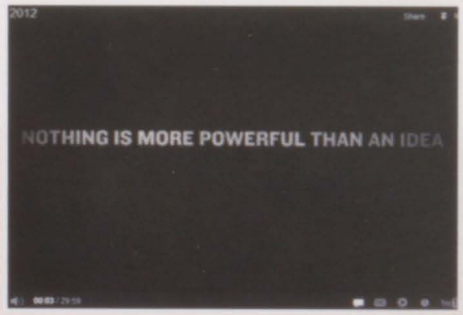
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▲ Classrooms Connect via Smartphone

Teachers use QR Codes, which can be scanned by smartphones, to deliver class information and assignments to students.

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▲ Uganda Documentary Is Most Viral Video

Justin Bieber and Oprah help to make *Kony 2012*, a documentary about child soldiers, attract more than 100 million views in its first six days online.

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